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Hunger Banquet educates students about poverty

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STAFF WRITER

Students got the chance to experience the different social classes that populate the world at Volunteer UCF's annual Hunger Banquet last week.

"This is a small slice of life as it plays out each day in the world," said Nausheen Farooqui, Hunger and Homelessness programs director, addressing the class-divided students at VUCF's eighth annual Hunger Banquet last Wednesday.

Feasting on baked chicken and chocolate cake, some UCF students were fortunate enough to enjoy the benefits of being part of the upper class. Other students were forced to settle for the only luxuries that their middle class wages could afford, beans and rice and a fresh glass of water to satisfy their appetites. The majority of students sat on the floor, surrounded by scraps of newspaper, eating rice with their fingers, drinking brown water. These students were members of the lower class.

The Hunger Banquet is VUCF's solution to educating students about global hunger and homelessness. Oxfam America, an international organization that combats global poverty, originated the unique educational presenta-



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Lower class students, who were forced to sit on the floor, had to eat with "rats".

Homeless Awareness Holiday Benefit

When: Dec. 8, 5 - 9 p.m.

Where: Lake Eola Bandshell

Info: www.rippleeffectinfo.org

tion. To gain entrance to the event, students had to bring two canned food items to the door.

VUCF opened the event by assigning students class identifications and unique characterizations to represent global income levels in real life.

"Fifteen percent of the world's population make up the upper class, 30 percent make up the middle class and the remaining 55 percent are part of the lower class," said Farooqui. "Everyone on the

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Miko Charbonn was one of the lower class students, who had to eat rice with their hands.

International Week offered forums, Study Abroad Fair

PADRA SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 13, UCF held a series of open forums for students, faculty and staff about pertinent international issues. Held in the Student Union's Key West Room, each forum followed a town hall format, with a panel of guest speakers and open microphones for audience members.

The first session, "Importance of International Education in the 21st Century," was presented by UCF faculty. The second, "Dialogue between International and U.S. Students," included a panel of SGA leaders and International Student Association representatives. Students talked about the importance of international awareness not only on campus but also in their daily lives.

"For me Democracy is the most powerful force in the history of mankind because it allows for collective and creative thought," Student Government Attorney General, Marcus Gould said. "Everyday, get up and put the same basic principles on as you do pants and shoes, and I think we can make this a better place."

The last session of the day was "9/11: What Can Literature Do?" and was presented by world-renown authors from countries such as India, Malaysia, Burma

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Family and friends hold a vigil for Andrew Bess, who died earlier this month in an automobile accident.

Vigil held for student killed in accident

Family and friends remember honor student Andrew Bess

DANIELLE DEPARI
STAFF WRITER

As drizzling rain fell upon the reflection pond, family and friends of Andrew Bess gathered

to remember him with a prayer vigil. Bess, 21, died as a result of an automobile accident on the Florida Turnpike on Nov. 4.

The vigil was relocated inside Phillips Hall on account of poor weather conditions, however the group remained rooted in their purpose. Originally from Fort Myers, Bess was a student at UCF. He was a liberal studies major with a film minor. Bess

was an extremely active student taking part in various aspects of campus life. He was also a member of the Honors College and the Director of Fundraising for Honors Congress, as well as an Honors Team Leader at symposiums. In addition, Bess was involved with the Young Republicans.

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UCF FACT

Knightro, UCF's mascot, was trained by the Universal Cheerleading Association. Knightro makes public appearances at sporting events, CAB events and more.



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Some want it banned
Controversy over sorcery and wizardry in the box office blow-out rages.

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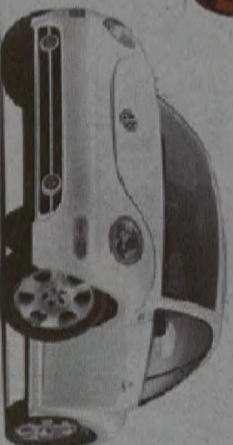
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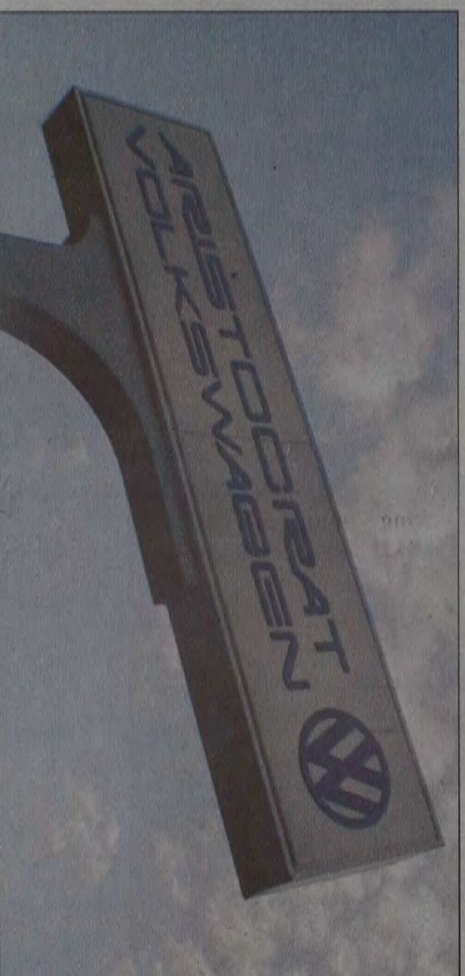
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Web site allows students to grade professors

CARLY MORRIS
STAFF WRITER

MyProfessorSucks.com is a web site where students at more than 2,880 colleges can evaluate their professors. The site, launched in June, allows students to grade the professor on coolness, the ease of the class and the overall worth.

The site's creator, University of Nebraska graduate student Kasey Kerber, said he came up with the idea after getting stuck in a particularly bad class. "I got back from that class one night and I remember thinking, 'I wish there was a way I could have known what this professor was like before signing up for the class,'" Kerber said.

Kerber began developing the site in February with help from his former roommate, a computer engineering major in Florida. Kerber's wife assisted with design, advertising and promotion. But it was Kerber alone who came up with the site's domain name.

"I was looking for something that would be easy to remember, but also have a bit of a bite to it," Kerber said. "Besides, all of us have had at least one professor that just plain sucked."

Several students at UCF didn't know about the site, but said it was a great idea. "It sounds like a really helpful site," junior Stephanie Jones said. "Every student wants to know what kind of professor they are dealing with before taking a class that will be nothing more than a hassle."

Another student said the web site sounds like a waste of time and the evaluations unreliable. "Just because one student has a bad expe-

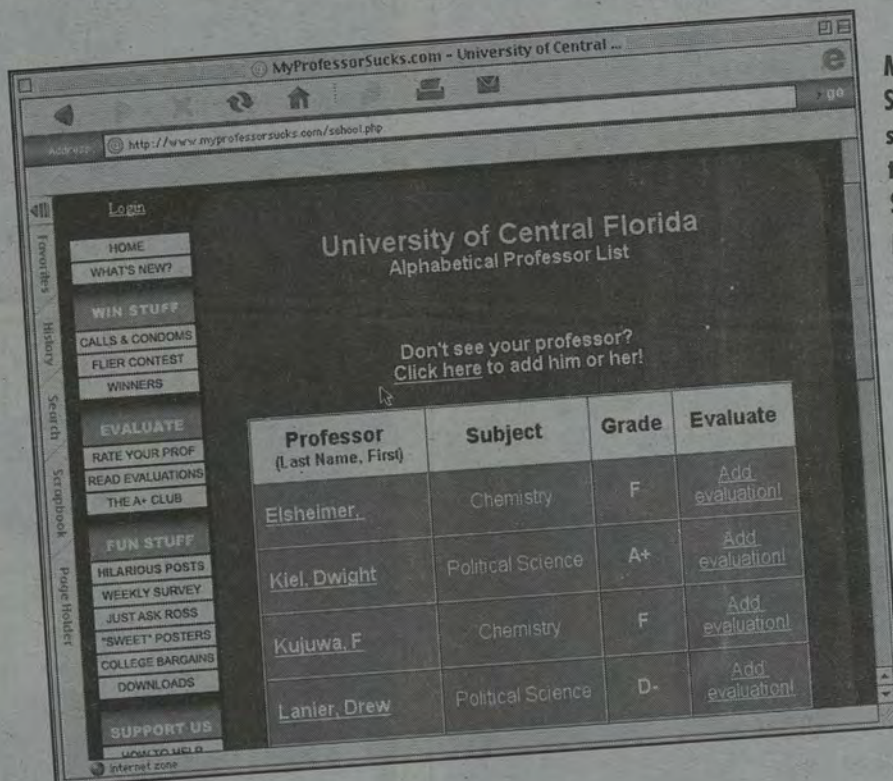
rience is not enough reason to tell the whole nation that professor sucks," senior Luis DeJesus said.

Four UCF professors have been critiqued on MyProfessorSucks.com. Chris Muller, a hospitality management professor, received an A+ rating. Muller was unaware of the site, but said it sounded interesting and he would be checking it out soon.

Another UCF instructor, Dr. Seth Elsheimer of the department of chemistry, received an F.

"It's surely true that organic chemistry has a bad reputation among students throughout the country," Elsheimer said. "The good news is we live in a place where everyone is entitled to an opinion and we still have free press and free speech."

Kerbels said about 65 percent of the evaluations are positive in nature. "Students and professors shouldn't be turned off by the name," Kerber said. "We work really hard to keep the site neutral."



MyProfessorSucks.com allows students to rate their professors. Several UCF professors have already made the site's list.

Guest speakers from The Ripple Effect, Second Harvest Food Bank

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earth has the same basic needs, the only difference is the culture and circumstances of people."

"Education is the single most powerful tool against poverty," she added.

The evening addressed a variety of topics including poverty statistics and documentaries, volunteer opportunities and solutions to help hungry and homeless people.

"This is a unique and creative way to convey a serious issue," said Phanessa Pappas. "I want to find out what I can do on a higher level, not just in our community, but the entire world."

Guest speakers included founder and president of The Ripple Effect, Kelly Caruso, and Andrea Peel from the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Both women emphasized the prevalence of hunger and homelessness that affect American communities and the circumstances that can create sudden poverty.

"The nation was attacked

by terrorism on Sept. 11, now 30,000 Floridians are out of work because the tourist industry has declined," Peel said.

"The numbers may be greater in other countries, but the problem [poverty and hunger] is just as important everywhere," freshman Alan Wells said.

There are 30 million hungry people in America, and one out of every 10 Central Floridians need food assistance. Forty-six percent of those are children under the age of 17, and 50 percent of hungry families have at least one person working full time, according to Peel.

The Second Harvest Food Bank collects food excesses in America and channels it to programs that help impoverished senior citizens, families and children.

"Wheaties used to dump pallets of cereal boxes in the trash whenever they came out with a new design for their boxes," Peel said. "Now these boxes are donated to food banks. This is an example of what we do."

How to get involved:

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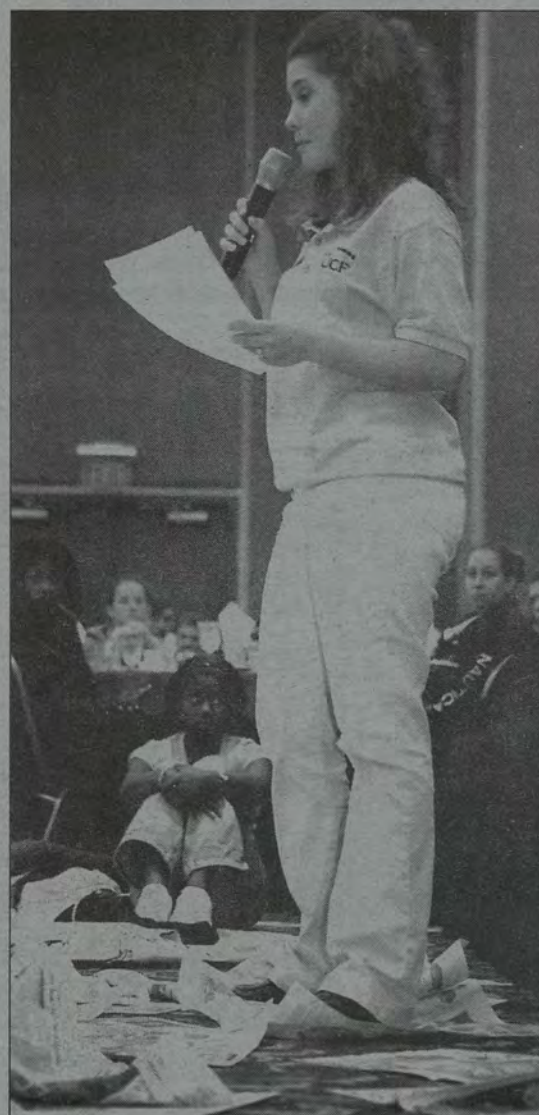
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The evening concluded with an open forum for students to share their thoughts.

"I never knew there was such a large percentage of people who get to eat so little," freshman Tameka Franco said. "It's not their fault, it's the resources not being available to them."

Senior Shayra Leon said: "This shows people the true problem. I come from Ecuador, a third-world country, and I see how much poverty affects people in my country. It is how it is."



Fifty-five percent of those attending the hunger banquet were forced to sit on the floor, and were served only rice and dirty water.

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Bess member of Honors Congress, LEAD scholar

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"Tonight I met his entire family, who came out to UCF to comfort students and share memories of Andrew and show videos," Jill Painter, the faculty advisor for the Honors Congress said. She added, "I thought the intent of that candle light prayer vigil would be to comfort the parents. But like Andrew, the parents were there to comfort us."

Bess was a student motivated in making a difference, and helping people out. For example, for the homecoming events, the theme was Sequels, and the Honors Congress selected "Revenge of the Nerds" as their group theme. Bess was adorned as a half naked, tied up Monrow Indian. He proceeded to escape during the game and let children catch him. Bess was known for these type of antics.

"Andrew was our shining star, our hero, our friend and a master at making people happy," UCF student Jen Kracht said. She added, "He will always be in our hearts."

Bess was remembered with services Nov. 10 in Fort Myers, as well as a presentation for the honors college. The vigil was a final service of commemoration.

Alvin Wang, Associate Dean of the Honors College, said, "Andrew was very involved with the Honors College. He was a team leader for the past two years and served as the Director of Fund Raising for the Honors Congress. He was a National Merit Scholar as well as a LEAD Scholar who excelled as a student in his undergraduate preparation for medical school." He added: "He was funny, intelligent and a good friend to those who knew him. Andrew exemplified all

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those qualities that we most esteem and wish to see in all of our students: scholarship, resourcefulness, integrity, loyalty and steadfastness. In this regard, Andrew was an ideal role model to all those he mentored."

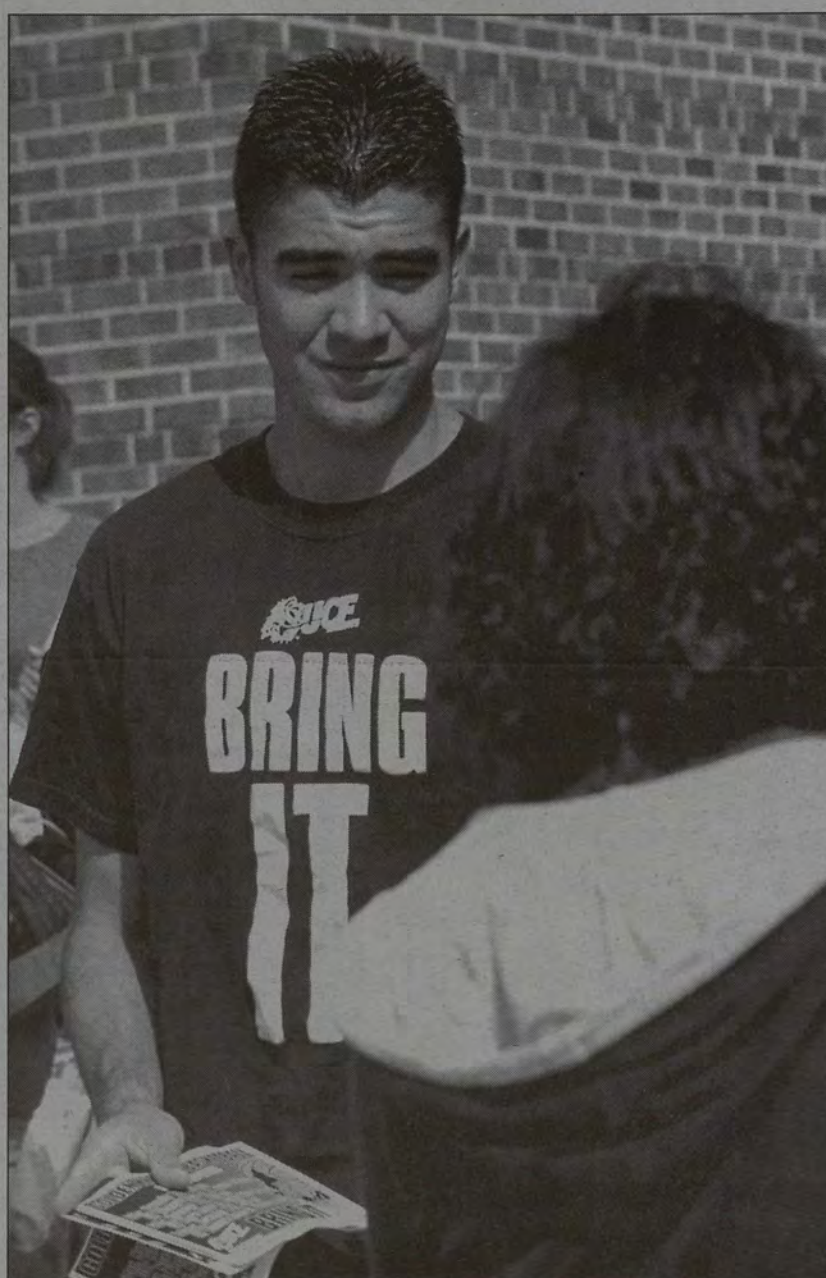
The vigil gave Bess' friends a chance to reminisce about him.

"Ever since the first time I met Andrew I knew he was a nice guy, but I couldn't believe what happened when I read the e-mail. I've never taken anyone for granted, and I won't because I learned I can't," student Doug Brozck said.

Bess was known to end all of his emails with the following inscription, "God Bless America, Now go make someone smile..."

Katie Plesher said, "Andrew was a great guy. I know that none of us will ever forget him."

Painter said: "I am just so grateful that I had the opportunity to know Andrew Bess. Everyone is put on this earth for a reason. Andrew's was to touch as many lives as possible. He succeeded. Because of Andrew, I have learned to live life to the fullest and to let the ones I love know it! We didn't just lose a friend Nov. 4, we lost part of our family."



Hoops push

Ben Mena hands out fliers promoting Friday's season opening games for men's and women's basketball. Students in attendance watched two decisive victories over University of Texas-Arlington and Puerto Rico-Mayaguez. See women's coverage in Sports on page 22 and men's on page 24.

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UCF Army ROTC takes first place at Ranger Challenge

CHRIS DERUYTER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the many facets of Army ROTC, the annual Ranger Challenge competition is the hardest thing a member of Army ROTC can do. If the goal of Army ROTC is to breed officers, then the goal of Ranger Challenge is to breed Rangers, or at least potential Rangers.

This year's UCF Army ROTC Ranger Challenge team took first place while in competition with all the Army ROTC programs from Florida, Georgia, and Puerto Rico. The Ranger Challenge Team consisted of 13 of the most highly motivated cadets in the "Fighting Knights" Battalion.

To prepare for the competition, each cadet worked at an intensity that would pain and simply defeat the average college student. The cadets had to wake up at 5 a.m., Mon. -Fri. for over two months and participate in grueling physical training. For an hour and a half every day, the team members sweat, bled and cried (on the inside of course) as they were physically broken down and built back up by four experienced cadet commanders whom had competed in years past.

"Our goal is to mold cadets into physically fit and mentally strong leaders," senior Andrew Miker, one of three co-commanders said. Twenty-eight individuals showed up on day one. At the end of two months, only nine had made the cut.

The 13-man team represented UCF at the annual Ranger Challenge Competition at Ft. Stewart, GA. Twenty-one schools sent cadets to the competition, which is essentially the "all-star game" of the Army ROTC, which lasted three days. Teams competed in nine different events; some of which are a grenade assault course, marksmanship with an M-16 assault rifle, constructing a one-rope bridge to cross a river, orienteering and the dreaded 10K (6.2 miles) "ruck run." The ruck run is the hardest event because it comes at the very end of 2 days of grueling competition.

"The ruck run was the most demanding event for me. I only weigh 130 lbs. so the equipment was pretty heavy," freshman Winward Truitt said. The teams are required to run over six miles in full uniform, with a rifle and 40 pounds of equipment.

So what type of college student would give up a normal college life, to be put through physical pain 5 days a week at all hours of the morning? All are ROTC students, which is challenging in itself, but they come from various levels of experience. Some individuals on the team had previously served in Ranger Battalions on active duty, while others were brand new freshman who had never worn a uniform until this year.

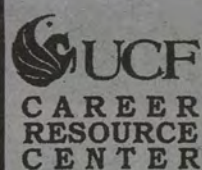
Junior James Razuri said, "This is the hardest thing I've ever done in my life. At times I didn't think I would make it, but I just kept on doing my best."

Honors College underway

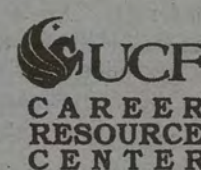


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The first Thanksgiving celebration was held in 1621.

The top two Thanksgiving Day pie picks are pumpkin, at 28 percent, and apple, at 25 percent.

"Jingle Bells," a popular Christmas song, was actually written for Thanksgiving. The song was composed in 1857, by James Pierpont, and was originally called "One Horse Open Sleigh".

Canada's Thanksgiving is held on the second Monday in October.

Israel has the highest consumption of turkey per capita: 12 kg (27 lb).

Turkey is the traditional dish for the Thanksgiving feast. In the United States, about 280 million turkeys are sold for the Thanksgiving celebrations. There is no official reason or declaration for the use of turkey. They just happened to be the most plentiful meat available at the time of the first Thanksgiving in 1621, starting the tradition.

Birthdays

Nov. 21, 1694, Voltaire [Jean Francois Arouet], author, philosopher d: 1778

Nov. 22, 1890, Charles DeGaulle, President of France d: 1970

Nov. 23, 1859, Billy the Kid [William Bonney or Henry McCarty], American outlaw d: 1881

Nov. 24, 1941, Pete [Randolph] Best, musician, drummer, former Beatle

Nov. 25, 1914, Joe [Joseph Paul] DiMaggio, Baseball Hall of Famer d: 1999

Nov. 26, 1922, Charles Schulz, cartoonist d: 2000

Nov. 27, 1942, Jimi Hendrix, musician, singer d: 1970

Quote of the Week

"It is therefore recommended ... to set apart Thursday the eighteenth day of December next, for solemn thanksgiving and praise, that with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts and consecrate themselves to the service of their divine benefactor ..."

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Petitioning the Board of Trustees



A constituent of Bill Nelson stops students in front of the Student Union asking them to fill out a petition. The petition is in favor of Sen. Nelson's move to get rid of the new Board of Trustees system, and re-instate the Board of Regents in 2002.

ADAM SHIVER / CFF

Bersia: University will be conducting more forums

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and Indonesia.

There was also a luncheon held for leaders in the community and on campus, presented by The Metro Orlando International Affairs Commission and UCF's Office of International Studies. Moderated by Orlando mayor Glenda Hood, it was the first in a sequence of international dialogues, which would address Central Florida's position in the global market. Like the open forums for students, there was a panel that answered questions and offered ideas concerning the business, exchange, tourism and economy now facing Orlando. Since the attack on America, students and business leaders alike have undoubtedly become concerned about such issues.

"The week after 9-11, the first class session was difficult for all of us. It was tough to talk but we did talk about it. I think the students had a new resolve and a new dedication. I think we're going to be fine," Vice President of UCF University Relations, Dr. Daniel Holsenbeck said.

As a result, UCF is taking steps forward in keeping students aware of their international surroundings and global news. John Bersia, Special Assistant to the President of Global Affairs at UCF said, "We're going to be conducting more international forums both on and off campus. We're going to see a lot more focus on the international realm here than we have in the past. I think we are going to see just about every international course we offer next year filled."

Another part of International Week included the Study Abroad Fair, held on Nov. 14 in the Pegasus Ballroom to promote international study programs. Students attended in order to research their options and speak to other students who have had the experience of studying abroad.

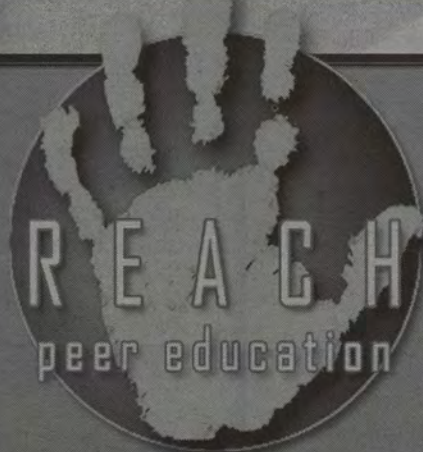
Gabe Walker, a student who recently studied in China said, "The most important thing is to have an open mind and to show the counselors that you really want to be there and to learn."

A common concern among students about studying internationally was the cost. Walker, who was a panelist in SGA's open forum said, "There is funding available. There are various types of scholarships. I would encourage anyone to go down to the Office of International Studies on Research Parkway and talk to them."

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Students tackle 6-year plan: College longevity raises crowding, finance issues

LINDA K. WERTHEIMER
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Sean Stanton's mother gave him an ultimatum before he began his fifth year of college: graduate or pay the tuition.

"Basically, right now, my motto is making a D," Stanton said. "D stands for diploma."

Stanton plans to graduate in December after six years at the University of North Texas. "It's a real burden," said his mother, Coetta Rhodes. "I expected him to finish in four years."

So do many parents.

But the time Stanton is taking to graduate has become the norm in Texas and across the country. Most students, particularly in public colleges, are taking five to six years to graduate, and in many cases, longer.

The reasons are numerous. Working multiple jobs, dropping classes, taking lighter loads and changing majors extended Stanton's undergraduate college career. Colleges also have added credit hours for many degrees.

Students' slower pace worries some state officials and college leaders, who are working to get students out of college faster, partly because of overcrowding and the financial burden on families.

Some college officials say the graduation rates are a reflection of the times and that six-year college stays will be the new standard. The four-year graduation rate is already passe on federal statistical charts.

Nationally, less than half of students finish within six years, according to the U.S. Education Department and ACT Inc., which tracks graduation rates.

"We live with the perception that it's still four years, when in reality, it's five and six years," said Brian K. Fitzgerald, staff director of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, which advises Congress.

Freeing up space

But students taking longer to finish college conflicts with state goals. Texas higher-education officials say. The goal is to get 500,000 more Texans in college by 2015, which means the state must free up space in already crowded colleges.

"One way to do that is to get them through faster," said Marshall Hill, assistant commissioner for universities for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Larry Faulkner, president of the University of Texas at Austin, said he thinks four years is ample for a large number of students at UT. In the fall of 2002, UT will run a pilot project for the state in two of the university's liberal arts and natural sciences colleges.

UT will charge the same tuition to students in those two schools whether they take 12 or 18 hours per semester. A dozen hours is the minimum for a full-time student. UT hopes the financial deal will motivate students to hurry up.

Faulkner said he's appalled that only 38.5 percent of UT's graduates last year finished in four years. Other public colleges of the same caliber have a much better rate — some as high as 80 percent, he said.

"It's an issue of the performance of the higher-education system in the state, particularly UT-Austin," Faulkner said. "Our students take fewer hours than they should. They take longer to get out than they need to. Education is more expensive than it need be."

The typical UT student takes 12.7 hours a semester and takes five years to graduate. To finish in four years, a student needs at least 15 hours per semester. UT, which has 50,000 students, could accommodate 1,000 more students a year if every student took two more hours a semester, Faulkner said.

If students graduated in four years instead of five, they would save money, said Lawrence Burt,

director of UT's office of student financial services. UT estimates that an additional year of college costs as much as \$51,000, based on the cost of extra loans and the wages the student would make in a professional job.

More working students

UT officials said they don't accept every excuse students give for taking longer to graduate — including working.

The number of college freshmen working in the nation has doubled from 23 percent to 47 percent since 1960, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Surveys have shown that students from wealthier homes are working more, too.

At UT, it's apparent that many students are working whether they have to or not, Burt said.

"They want to live the same way they did at Mom's and Dad's house," he said. "They want to drive a nice car. They want to have nice clothes. They want to have CDs. The days of the starving student seem to have passed us by."

More accurate picture

The scenario at UT is not representative of the entire state, said Juliet Garcia, president of the University of Texas at Brownsville. UT-Brownsville, she and others say, is a more accurate picture of the present and, especially, the future.

Most of the college's students take seven to eight years to graduate and enroll in just nine hours of classes a semester. All commute to the university and work because they must, Garcia said.

The emphasis, she said, should be on getting students to graduate regardless of the time frame.

"Maybe we need a new picture of what students look like. Then we need a new package for higher education," Garcia said.

That package, she said, should include more financial aid for poor students.

The state is offering scholarships to more students and requiring high school students to take college-preparatory courses, said David Gardner, an assistant commissioner for the higher-education coordinating board.

Better-prepared, better-financed students should be able to graduate sooner, he and others said. The state also offers a \$1,000 tuition rebate to students who finish in four years. That policy went into effect in May, so it's too early to tell whether the strategy will work, officials said.

Changing the culture

Changing the culture is one of the biggest obstacles that officials face.

"It doesn't just exist among students," said Bruce Walker, UT's director of admissions. "It exists among advisers, who look at a student record, and say, 'Just take 12 hours. You want to protect your GPA.' We can't just point our fingers at students. It's the whole university."

UT's research discounts the notion that students improve their GPAs by taking fewer courses, Walker said.

Academic advisers from several schools counter that colleges often make it impossible for students to finish in four years. Many majors require as many as 136 hours for a degree, which cannot be done easily in four years. Students who change majors fall further behind.

"Most of our students, it's not their original plan to be here five or six years," said Jo Anne Huber, an academic adviser at UT.

Hiep Nguyen, a graduate student at UNT and one of Stanton's two roommates, said he took five years to graduate from UT-Austin because he changed his major from engineering to psychology. The change cost him another \$5,000 in loans, but he thinks the extra year was worthwhile.

"It's what you're planning to do for the rest of your life," he said. "Rather a year than your whole life."

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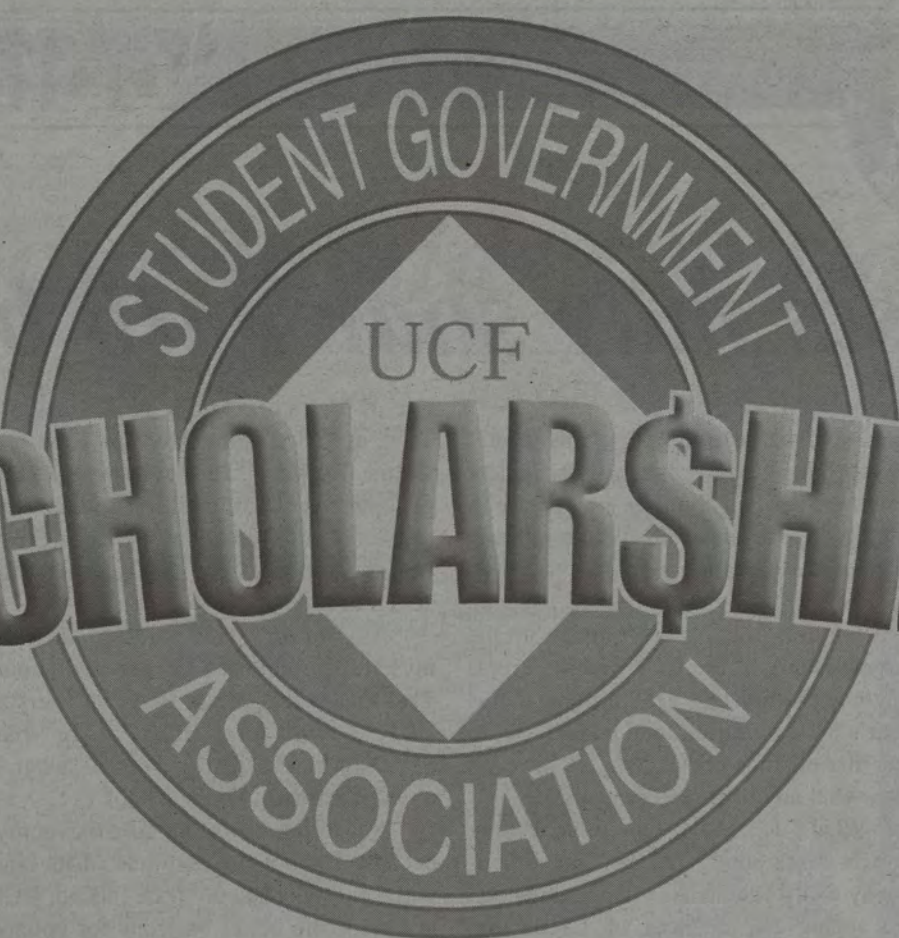
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Tuition costs may soar with budget cuts

RYAN HERMAN
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the Florida State Legislature handed down a series of budget cuts, affecting all public schools throughout the state, including high schools, universities and community colleges.

The result of this cut was a 3.49 percent decrease in the state's overall education budget. But, it allows the Legislature to allocate more funding towards construction and expansion of an already overcrowded school system. What does all of this mean for UCF? Well, our budget has been snipped by 3.1 percent, which equates out to a loss of nearly \$7.5 million. Given that deduction, UCF will be looking at a state-based budget next

year of \$240,\$195,\$812.

As of yet, it is unclear where exactly in the budget these cuts will be made, however, you can count on an increase in certain fees to make up for the missing slice of the education pie.

As of now, the general revenue expenditure, AKA "taxes," makes up the largest chunk of the UCF budget, bringing in approximately \$158 million of this year's \$402.5 million total budget. So, to put this all into perspective...I have no idea what any of it really means!

What I do know is that higher education in this country has become ridiculously unaffordable. As young adults, we are seeing our chances of intellectual enhancement put on hold so that the major universities throughout the country can show off to each other using the

size of their checkbooks as justification. Take our own university for example; within five years, UCF will have a budget upwards of half a billion dollars. And as the size of the budget increases every year, so too does the size of each student's tuition.

An out of state student, such as myself, pays almost \$350 per credit hour. That means that in my first two years at UCF, I will have spent more than \$20,000 to, basically, review what I already learned in high school.

Not to put down our fine university, because it's not the only one of its kind with soaring academic fees. Indeed, UCF is one of the better bargains for college education in the U.S. But even still, we have some serious work to do. It's not a question of money, be it excess or short

supply. Our concern should be one of quality control—what are we getting for our dollar?

I don't mind paying the high prices if what I'm getting in return is the quality I deserve. Now I'm no expert, but it would seem to me that for my \$1,000 physics class I could expect something more than a professor lecturing straight out of the textbook, which costs another \$100.

And at the end of the day, I often feel dumber for having wasted my time and money on the same information I received for free in high school. So my advice is simple: let's take some of that \$55 million generated last year from tuition fees and put it towards pushing our students a little more, because a mind really is a terrible thing to waste.

GRAY MATTERS

CHRIS ZAPATIER
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I usually make it a point to practice what I preach. I have often advocated standing up for your beliefs even if it means making strangers of friends and family. My heroes are not athletes or celebrities; they are men who died standing up for what they believed was right. Recently, an opportunity arose for me to emulate the men I admire on a small scale. I am saddened to report that I was derelict in my duty.

A little back story: This summer I spent three weeks away from home, one of them in Los Angeles. My travel companion secured us lodging at the home of an old friend of his from college. Our host was a 24-year-old female who happens to be the daughter of a prominent Rabbi in South Florida. Two days after our arrival, she invited my partner and I to Sabbath lunch on Sunday. From the start I had reservations about attending. The lunch was to be held at the home of several of her relatives, and I would be one of only two non-Jewish persons in attendance. I knew that in the confines of a living room, in such homogenous company, the conversation would inevitably turn towards the Israeli Palestinian powder keg in the Middle East, and there was a good chance that my opinions on the subject would starkly contrast those of my peers.

I was just sinking my teeth into my second helping of whitefish when the ineluctable conversation began. I tuned in just in time to hear the head of the household passionately rehashing the "Israel as the blameless victim" myth propagated by the American media and accepted as fact without audit by the American people. He referred to Israel's neighbors as, "A nation of Timothy McVeighs," then expressed exas-

peration at the fact that the world expects Israel to continue efforts toward peace with "them." I wanted to ask him why acts of violence, when committed by Palestinians, are labeled acts of terrorism, but identical measures when taken by the Israeli military are labeled preemptive or retaliatory strikes, but I did not. I waited patiently for him to soapbox about the Occupied Territories - where indigenous Arab inhabitants live in subjugation beneath an Israeli minority population - but he did not. I also waited patiently for him to speak about the Mossad - Israel's covert military and intelligence agency that scours the globe assassinating suspected enemies of their state - but again, he did not.

The clincher came when an aged Hacidic gentleman at the table began discussing college fraternities with the young lady seated next to him. Without drawing any distinctions or making any quantifying statements, he denigrated fraternities as institutions that discourage individuality and promote immorality. The irony scorched my nose. That a devout follower of a patriarchal, exclusionist religion that promotes a socioeconomic caste system within their own synagogues would criticize another institution for their value norms and customs was more than I could take. I excused myself and spent the rest of the afternoon outside.

If I had, had the strength of my convictions I would have expressed my opinions and feelings, even if it meant spending the night on the streets of Los Angeles. At the very least I should have taken the coward's way out and avoided the situation entirely. But what I did was even worse than the coward's way out, I sat silent, and in doing so I allowed flawed, bigoted and hypocritical points of view to go unchallenged. And as the old axiom goes, "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

Forget education, just become a housewife

CASEY MCCORKLE
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Feminists all around the world will groan in sincere disgust. Imagine me, an independent, goal-oriented, perfectionist admitting, outwardly, that I would want someday to be barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen making my husband, who naturally would be the sole-bread winner of our large family, dinner of his request ready for his arrival home from work. What has happened to me?

Well, essentially one of my classes, which shall remain completely unmentioned, (but if you are a political science major, I gather you have a pretty good idea of who instructs the course) has taken away any kind of lofty goals or dreamy idealism I might have had about my future career opportunities.

Everyone has had one of these classes—the kind where the median test grade is comfortably positioned somewhere around 45 percent and the teacher maintains such performances are by no means representative of his teaching or evaluative methods.

On one hand, I realize that, more than likely, this is a professor who cannot admit defeat and is stubbornly insistent that we the students, and heavens, not the professor, are responsible for contending with all of our failing test scores. Sometimes it is difficult to rationalize such behavior because professors are meant to encourage and motivate students—not push them to abandon all lifelong goals for a career of making biscuits and babies. No, I don't need my professors to hold my hand, but a compromise might be nice.

But on another level, this sort of "it's your responsibility" rhetoric awakens that tiny voice in the back of my head that says:

"The professor obviously is far more knowledgeable than you, not everyone can pursue higher education. Deal with it." So I say, if you can't fight them, stay in the kitchen.

My reasoning is simple, if I am having such a struggle in a supposedly basic class, taught at UCF of all places, exactly how can I realistically see myself passing three years of intense curriculum at a respectable law school?

And then it occurred to me...Do I really need higher education? All these years I have been such an ardent advocate of women pursuing graduate degrees when in actuality, what was so wrong with being a suppressed housewife?

Seriously, assume for the rest of this paragraph that I am just a housewife. I went to college and got a degree in something worthless, like underwater basket-weaving. Suddenly, I have a husband, I have children, I have responsibilities and I have a maid! Well, that takes care of the cleaning. Then, we have a nanny who will run around after my four kids. So basically I am left to shop and spend my husband's money everyday. And why is this a bad thing again? Get your pens and paper out ladies and start writing those letters to the editor.

Actually, there will be no need for all of that. I quickly came to the realization that my future goals reflect my desires and passions. Just because a professor teaching a class at a glorified community college feels the need to make some kind of "life is never easy" statement, making simple subject matter into highly interpretive rocket science, I will not be discouraged, nor will I be deterred. Not only will I attend a prestigious graduate school, I will make four babies and cook too! And the credit belongs to no one but myself.

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opinion

Harry showing kids the Dark Side?

KRISTA ZILIZI
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Spells, sorcery and demonic powers. Has Harry Potter, a publishing sensation and box-office blowout, opened the doors to the "Dark Side?" Can children resist the temptation to join Satanic circles, to summon demons or burn bibles when the omnipotent Harry is showing them the way through his teachings in children's books?

Many parents and religious groups believe that behind the fictional young wizard's story-book life, themes like paganism, witchcraft, evil, death and the occult will lead children to "hatred and rebellion" after reading Harry Potter.

Nationally, Harry Potter books have been attacked in at least 13 states. While many of the censorship efforts failed, schools have been able to restrict the reading, displaying and borrowing of Harry Potter books. Many schools cannot display the books on school library shelves, and students must have parental permission to borrow the books. Some classrooms do not allow Harry Potter books to be read or allow children to write book reports on them.

Are parents' and religious groups' concerns valid?

Harry Potter books do not display

any themes more unsuitable than what can be seen on many children's television programs and films. The primary materials identified in Harry Potter books include witchcraft and the supernatural, with several graphic descriptions of witches, wizards, goblins, werewolves and poltergeists. Some violent material such as blood, murder and death is mentioned, followed by a few swear words; the most inappropriate used is that four-letter one (damn).

Yet banning books on these grounds would call for a mass banning of children's books, since the majority of children's literature contains similar ideas and material. No one ever deemed it necessary to ban Little Red Riding Hood, even after the wolf ate a grandmother and then attempted to eat the little girl. Likewise, it seemed somewhat violent for the Queen to order her hunter to slay Snow White, after the mirror proclaimed that Snow White was the "fairest of them all." When Ursula, the evil sea witch, cast a spell on the little mermaid, stealing her sweet voice, no one demanded that Disney pull the plug on the children's classic.

The Harry Potter stories offer children many of the same ideas children's stories have used in the past, such as examples of good vs. evil, where good

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always wins in the end. Unconditional love and courage are held as ideals; and loyalty, friendship and self-sacrifice are enduring themes throughout the Harry Potter stories.

We can ban books from classrooms and library shelves and prohibit book reports and reviews. We can tear copies out of children's hands that have become zealous readers because of these motivating and exciting books. We can refuse to acknowledge the fact that the Harry Potter books are the number-one selling books in the nation for a reason. We can prevent children from developing their own imaginations, opinions and beliefs. We should violate their First Amendment right and help produce an illiterate society.

When all is said and done, we will encourage our children to experiment with drugs, join gangs, vandalize and steal. At least they aren't reading Harry Potter books. At least they won't become wizards.



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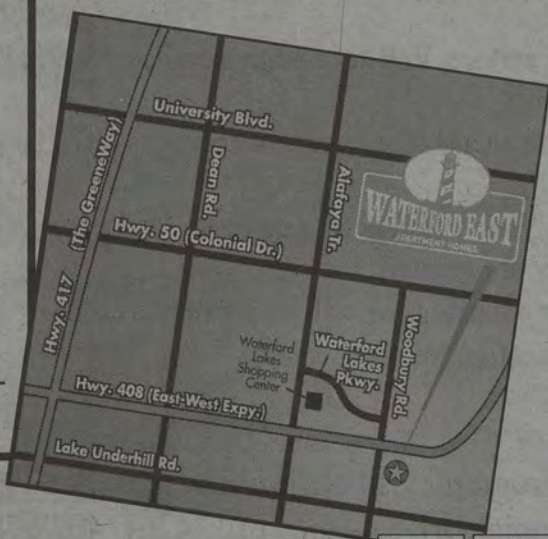


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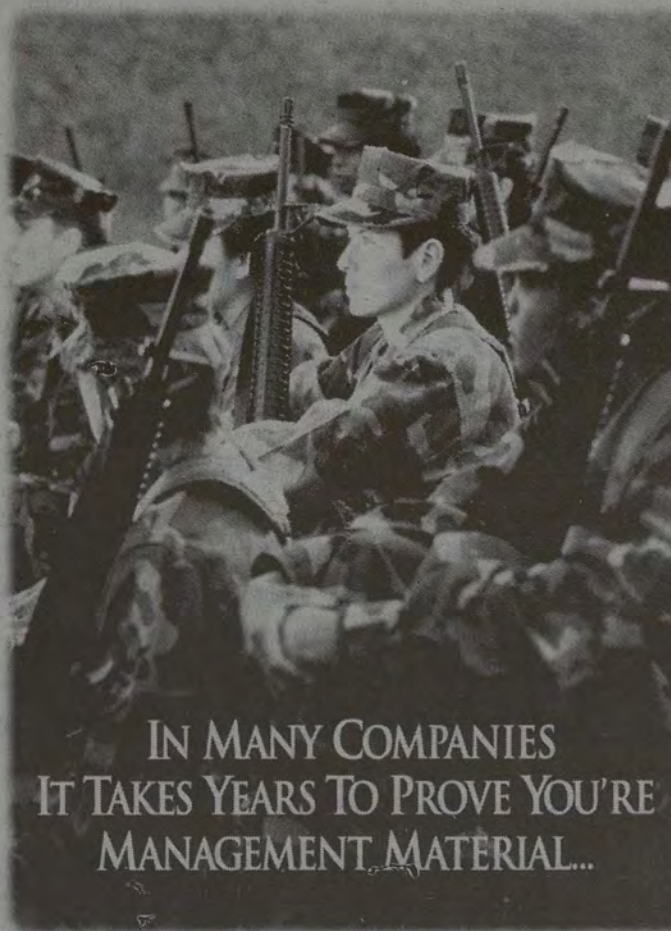
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Employee defends Gators Dockside

I'd like to respond to Steve Conti who wrote in a letter to the editor about Gators Dockside not playing the UCF/Utah State game on one of the big screens last weekend. I work at Gators Dockside, so I see what goes on there and I know my managers pretty well since I've worked there a while now. I am also a senior at UCF so I understand

having school spirit. I also know, however, that if you walk in to Wal-Mart, K-Mart, basically any store in the local UCF area, that they hardly support UCF by selling merchandise, their prime sellers are UF and FSU merchandise.

Why is this? Because that's what sells, that's what people want to see and buy, regardless of the fact that the stores happen to be in the UCF area. It's not a matter of school spirit; it's a matter of business. So I'm sure that when my

manager decided not to put the UCF/Utah State game on one of the big screens, that it was in the store's best interest and was what the majority of the customers preferred. If you want school spirit, go walk on campus. This wasn't meant to be a college town. It's not Gainesville, where people live, breathe, and eat in Gators colors with flags hanging on their cars 24/7. If UCF were that way, then we'd be given more credibility in general. Don't take it out

on the people in the area who are trying to make their business successful.

—JENNIFER SMITH

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Florida scholarships in jeopardy

GEMA CORRALES
STAFF WRITER

Let's face a fact of life: Being able to attend an institution of higher learning is a privilege and not a given for some students. There are many students struggling to pay off their dues, and their scholarships are of vital importance to their educational advancement.

It has been said that the Florida Academic and Bright Futures Scholarships may soon

come to an end. What does this mean? It means that students who are not capable of providing for their college tuition will come to a shocking halt. We're taught that determination is the key to success, but determination can only get someone so far.

In the fall of 2000, there were 3,462 students awarded the Bright Futures Scholarships in FSU alone. That's 3,462 possible future doctors, educators and even the next president of the United States. Is it fair to build a

barrier in the lives of these aspiring students simply because they don't have sufficient means of financial aid?

Scholarships such as Bright Futures and Florida Academic serve as a primary aid to thousands of students in middle class, one-income families whose financial status would eliminate them from ever accomplishing a life-fulfilling career.

The University of Florida boasted in 1998 that, within its

entering freshmen class, 90 percent were in the top 10 percent of their high schools and they were all provided with either the Florida Academic or Bright Futures Scholarships.

According to the Florida Department of Education, more than 70,000 students received a Bright Futures Scholarship for the 1999-2000 academic school year. Many students' economic circumstances prevent them from acquiring a higher education without some financial aid.

How can we promote outstanding standards of excellence and education, without the means to help students reach their goals? Scholarships are in some cases, one of the only financial resources some students can actually acquire. The termination of such sources will drastically impede the growth of successful students in the state of Florida. Scholarships assist various students to accomplish their dreams and should therefore always be available to students.

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Size of rooms and overall large apartments
Price compared to apartment size
Large room size
Luxurious
Very spacious apartment and balcony
The apartments are very good size and price
Apartments are big
Large bedrooms and common area
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Spacious floorplans
Size of apartment
Huge rooms
Bedrooms are bigger
Size of apartments
Big living room
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The rooms are large
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What about the management?

Friendly staff- I feel comfortable asking questions and addressing issues
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Management cares about us
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The employees are very helpful
Very friendly office workers
Staff was very friendly
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Nice employees
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It is very nice compared to everywhere else
I liked the area
New neighborhood
Have my choice of roommates
Great room arrangement
Private bathrooms for each resident
Good layout
Kitchen is well-equipped
Walk-in closets
The setup-having a bathroom in every bedroom
Clean
The grounds are well-kept
Very well-maintained
Landscaping is beautiful
Good apartment design
My own bathroom
The large birds that roam the parking lot

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A movie and book even a muggle could love

LISA APPLGATE
STAFF WRITER

A “muggle” is a non-magical person, for the 20 people out there who have not yet read the Harry Potter books. And why should anyone read them? After all, the movie version of the first book came to theaters Nov. 16.

For those who don't know, Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) is an 11-year-old orphan living with the only family he has left, the Dursleys, his Aunt Petunia, Uncle Vernon and cousin Dudley. He is a burden to them, and they let him know it. On his eleventh birthday, Harry is invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry, who didn't know he was a wizard, is surprised to discover that his parents died by the wand of an dark evil wizard named Voldemort and not in a car accident. The Dursleys kept his history from him because they think magic is rubbish and dangerous. So Hogwarts gamekeeper, Rubeus Hagrid (Robbie Coltrane), rescues Harry from his relatives and puts him on a train to school.

At Hogwarts, Harry makes friends, Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson), and enemies, Professor Snape (Alan Rickman) and Draco Malfoy (Tom Felton). He learns to play Quidditch (a game like soccer only played on broomsticks 50 feet in the air) and wizard's chess (where you command the pawns to move and they shatter the losing pieces).

Over the school year, Harry learns of a conspiracy, finds out more about his mom and dad, meets a dragon, a three-headed dog (named Fluffy) and a troll and finds out where his home really is.

As great as *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* looks on-screen, one should still read the book.

Here's why:

- Although every single person cast in this movie fits his/her part to a tee (specifically Harry, Ron, Hermione, Snape and Hagrid), there is virtually no character development in this movie. Harry is the only one given any sort of depth, and even then, it is nothing compared to the amount of information about him in the book. Movie goers learn nothing of how quirky and borderline “mad” Professor Dumbledore (Richard Harris) is, how much Draco hates people from muggle families (especially Hermione) or how insecure Ron is about his family's financial status and not measuring up to his older brothers.

- Many funny lines that were in the book (that would've added a lot to the weak character development) wound up on the cutting room floor.



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(Left to right) Emma Watson, Rupert Grint and Daniel Radcliffe bring their characters (Hermione Granger, Ron Weasley and Harry Potter, respectively) to life on the big screen in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

- Harry's aunt, uncle and cousin, the Dursleys, are a lot more horrible to him than what is shown in the movie. They are almost tolerable on-screen.

- Many of the kids' classes in the film are never explained. It is never said that Professor McGonagall, (Maggie Smith) teaches Transfiguration (which would've helped explain to some people why this lady constantly turns into a cat).

- Who wins the Quidditch cup? Just seeing the movie won't answer that.

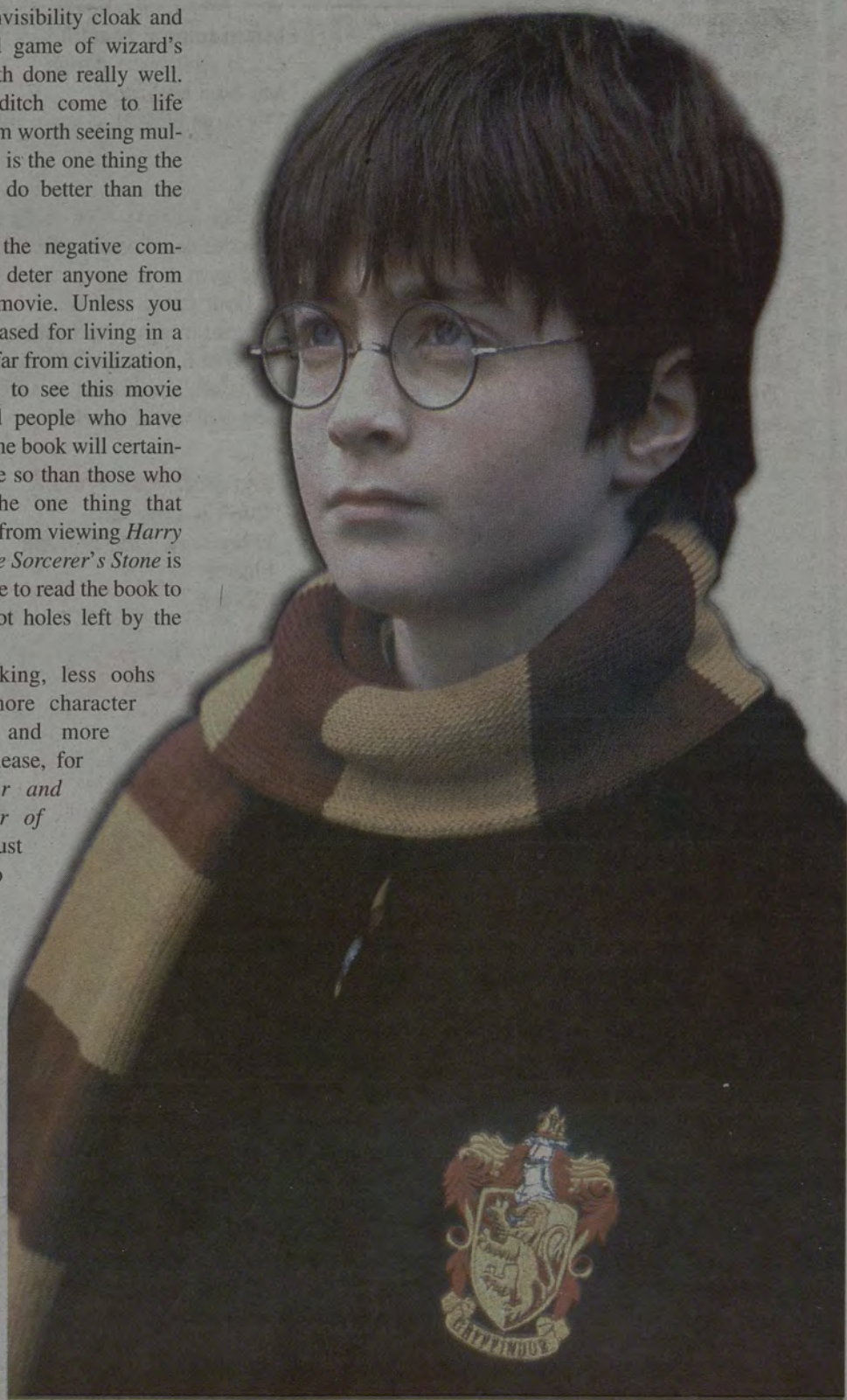
Given that the original version had four hours of footage, it is understandable why some of these things had to go in order to make the movie more comfortable to sit through (just two and a half hours long). Something that was dwelled on too long that would've looked nicer on the cutting room floor were the many scenes featuring just kids' facial reactions to certain events. They overreact to seeing Hogwarts for the first time, the troll in the dungeon, the Quidditch match and every time there is food or candy in front of them. These reactions alone were 20 minutes of the movie. Also, there is a lot of walking. Every time you see Harry, Ron and Hermione, they are walking. Always.

The film redeems itself by a few crucial scenes that lovers of the book were hoping would be included on the big screen. Diagon Alley, Gringotts Bank, Hogwarts (specifically the dorm and the banquet hall) and the Dursleys' house all look exactly as they are supposed to. The mountain troll and Fluffy both look as realistic as a troll and a three-headed dog can look, and

the scenes follow the book closely. Harry's invisibility cloak and the life-sized game of wizard's chess are both done really well. Seeing Quidditch come to life makes the film worth seeing multiple times. It is the one thing the book cannot do better than the movie.

None of the negative comments are to deter anyone from seeing this movie. Unless you love to be teased for living in a remote cave far from civilization, you're going to see this movie anyway. And people who have not yet read the book will certainly enjoy more so than those who have. But the one thing that should come from viewing *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* is a strong desire to read the book to fill in the plot holes left by the movie.

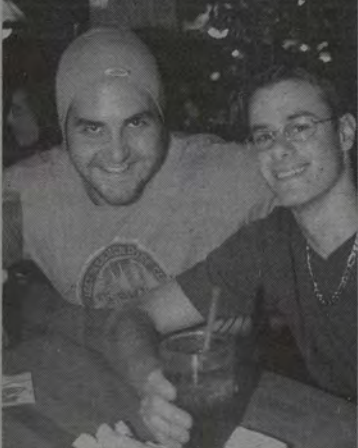
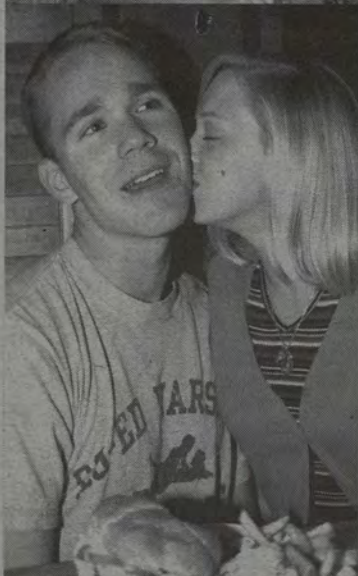
Less walking, less oohs and aahs, more character background and more Quidditch, please, for *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, or just leave us to curl up with our books.



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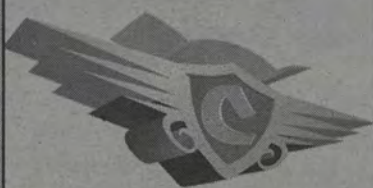
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Harry Potter next to go down potty

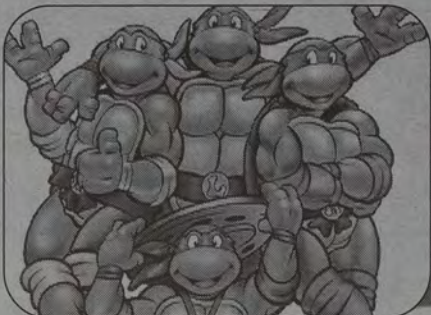
DAVID TAYLOR
STAFF WRITER

It seems that every children's entertainment franchise has a lifespan of about two years. Usually it starts with humble beginnings, but eventually grows into every area of entertainment. By the time a feature film rolls around, the public is no doubt tired of the madness. A brisk death of the franchise soon occurs.

Friday *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* was released nationwide. For those who have been living in a cave, Harry Potter is the main character from a series of children's books of the same name. Over the years, these books about wizards and witches have become increasingly popular, which of course warrants the series to branch into other aspects of entertainment. In addition to the film, there is already a Game Boy game and there's sure to be a cartoon eventually. The question is: will

the popularity last? In a word, no, it will not.

To explain this, it is best to look at previously popular children's entertainment.



an international line of toys, cartoons and three feature films! Someone should shoot these folks. Look around now? Is Pokemon anywhere near as popular as it once was? No, it is not, and the reasons being that the market

time where stores could not keep the toys in stock. A time where one was deity of the playground if you had the yellow ranger. History repeats itself, and again as the "Ultra-Man by any other name" television show began to peter out, a movie was born. This marked both the high point and steady decline of the Power Rangers...thankfully.

Harry Potter will no doubt share this same fate, although its vitality may be a bit stronger. After all, it is not being shoved in anyone's face quite yet. This Christmas there will probably be no Tickle Me Elmo equivalent Harry Potter toy. It is only a matter of time though before this four-eyed geek will be everywhere. He will be the Gary Busey of the children's world. No matter what channel you turn to, he will be on.

Sure, the Harry Potter movie is worth seeing. But remember so was the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* movie (marking the end of that line). If you are a Harry Potter fan, enjoy the little bit of legacy while it lasts,

for when the commercial machine revs up, you will probably despise the thought of it.



*NSYNC throws beach bash

AMANDA ANCES
STAFF WRITER

NSYNC knows how to throw a party. On Nov. 11, an estimated 200,000 fans flocked to Miami's South Beach for a benefit on the beach. Exactly two months after the attack on America, the Orlando-based pop quintet performed to raise money for the families of victims in New York and Washington, D.C.

While the concert was free to spectators, proceeds from concessions and 1,500 VIP tickets, ranging in price from \$100 - \$150, went to the relief funds.

Fans charged through the gates as early as 10 a.m. to stake their claim on the beach. However, *NSYNC did not grace the stage until hours later. At exactly 8:05 p.m., Lance Bass, J.C. Chazez, Joey

Fatone, Chris Kirkpatrick and Justin Timberlake made their presence known as the opening notes of "Pop" flooded through South Beach.

Unlike their usual productions, this concert lacked theatrics, extravagant costumes and special effects. Instead, *NSYNC exhibited a simple show, using an American flag as the only stage decoration. Even the group's attire was

\$\$ or love. The shirts sent out a universal message of how to help rebuild our world.

After welcoming fans to the show and thanking everyone for their support towards the benefit, *NSYNC broke into a medley of "I Want You Back" and "Tearin' Up My Heart." Though the group has matured musically since 1998, these older tracks still remain crowd-pleasers.

The group slowed down the pace with a special performance of "This I Promise You." The roar of the crowd died down to listen to *NSYNC singing in Spanish. "Yo Te Voy A Amar" proves that *NSYNC harmonizes beautifully in any language.

Throughout the concert, the group paused to apologize for their previous absences. After canceling two South Florida concerts earlier this summer, due to production delays and inclement weather, *NSYNC



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(Left to right) Joey Fatone, Chris Kirkpatrick, Justin Timberlake, Lance Bass and J.C. Chazez performed in South Beach Miami to raise money for Sept. 11 relief funds.

made it up to the fans by performing a song that was not included on their Pop Odyssey summer tour. The group gave the first live performance of "Girlfriend," which will most likely be the group's next single according to Chazez.

*NSYNC closed the show with last year's chart topper "Bye, Bye, Bye." Though it was hard to see the concert come to end, the guys performed the hit with flawless dance moves and harmonious vocals.

*NSYNC took the stage for barely 40 minutes, yet managed to include an incredible variety of songs in their brief set. As the group switched from old to new material and upbeat tracks to ballads, one thing remained the same: that unmistakable *NSYNChronization.

The concert, penned *NSYNC and Friends, also included performances by Not So Boy Band, Deborah Gibson, Willa Ford, Tito Puente, Jr. and Deborah Cox.



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The members of *NSYNC each wore T-shirts saying things like "Give...hope" and "Give...love."

soft-spoken, yet, ironically, carried the loudest message. Each of the guys wore a black tee shirt with the phrase "Give..." followed by a different word: time, hope, prayers,

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A lot can happen in an hour

JACKIE MYERS
STAFF WRITER

FOX's suspenseful drama "24" has been the source of some controversy lately. The show centers around a government task force headed by CIA Agent Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) uncovering a plot for a threat on the life of a black presidential candidate.

The identity of the assassin is unknown, only that he is from overseas and very well paid. No one can be trusted, not even those in the U.S. Counter

Terrorist Unit.

As if the pressure of preventing an assassination isn't enough, Bauer's personal life takes a hit in the form of a strained marriage and the kidnapping of his teen-age daughter.

The storyline, which involved a terrorist blowing up a passenger airplane, underwent some retooling in light of the devastating Sept. 11 events.

What sets the show apart from every other action-packed drama is how "24" unfolds in real time over the course of 24 weeks. The season runs from midnight to midnight the day of the California primary with each episode representing what happened during a single hour. This is the first show in history with this concept.

Another thing that keeps the show

fresh is the effect of the screen splitting into two, three and four segments to allow multiple scenes to be shown at once. Another treat is the show's soundtrack; it is good and meshes well with the corresponding scenes.

Sutherland, who is known for such movies as *The Lost Boys*, *Stand by Me* and *Flatliners*, as well as his once high-profile engagement to Julia Roberts, plays a believable anti-terrorist expert and hero in "24." What is not as believable is that so much action takes place in an hour. For a show banking on its time concept, it should be a little more realistic.

Another downside of the show's con-

cept is that missing an episode of the fast-paced multi-layered show can leave you completely lost, and some background knowledge is needed to understand what is going on. It's possible that this will eventually cause viewers to tune out.

"24" has been receiving rave reviews from critics. One even called it the best TV show ever. I was not quite as impressed, but then again sometimes it takes me awhile to warm up to something new.

You can decide for yourself whether the show is a phenomenon or whether it will get lost in the shuffle among the fall season's 33 new series by tuning in to FOX Tuesday nights at 9 p.m.



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Lead stories

-- More Extremist Muslims: In October, a judge in Sokoto, Nigeria, ordered Ms. Safiya Hassaini, 35, stoned to death for adultery while her probable partner (her cousin, Yahaya Abubakar, 60) had the same charge against him dropped for insufficient evidence. (The evidence against Hassaini was that she is not currently married but had just given birth.) Sokoto is one of the northern Nigerian states that practice Muslim Sharia law, and as with the Afghanistan Taliban, posses of men with clubs roam the country looking for law-breakers. Another quirk in the law: Though Hassaini is on death row, she was released on bail to care for the kid briefly, after which time she is supposed to report back to court so she can be killed.

-- In September, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution profiled desolate Echols County, Georgia (between Valdosta and the Okefenokee Swamp), well-known to the state's judges because that is where they encourage lawbreakers to go when they really want them to leave the state altogether. The Georgia constitution prohibits banishing people from the state as punishment for crimes, so judges merely banish them from 158 of the state's 159 counties, trusting that they would never voluntarily settle in Echols, anyway, and such strategy seems always to work.

-- While most of North America endures a fear-of-anthrax frenzy, the Ontario Health Ministry in October fired its only five biohazard scientists for budgetary reasons, replacing them with three lab technicians with community-college degrees. Liberal Party spokespeople blamed the decision on the health minister's long-standing philosophy of smaller government, irrespective of consequences.

Urban legends come to life

-- An April story from the official newspaper of the People's Republic of China reported that convicted killer Fu Xinrong had indeed had his kidneys illegally harvested after execution, by a company in Nanchang. And in October, a man walked into a Porsche dealership in Palo Alto, Calif., and through smooth-talking and luck, convinced an employee that he was the owner of the \$125,000 Turbo 996 that the real owner was scheduled to pick up 20 minutes later. And in an incident reminiscent of a partially made-up June Slate magazine story, two men pleaded guilty in Corpus Christi, Texas, in July to having illegally "fished" for coyotes on federal land by reeling them in with fishing poles baited with deer

Chuck Shepherd's NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Rights and privileges

-- Britain's Legal Services Commission granted imprisoned murderer Shaun Armstrong, 39 (whose victim was 3 years old), legal aid for his privacy-rights lawsuit for about \$25,000 against the friend to whom he confessed in writing and who turned him in. Armstrong wants back the letters he sent the friend, claiming ownership of his confession (which reads, "Yes, I'm responsible for the crime, but please don't tell anybody.").

-- An Ontario Superior Court judge ruled in May that spouses have no legal duty to inform each other of their adulterous affairs. A 52-year-old man had sued his estranged wife for about \$210,000 (U.S.) for breaching her duty of "good faith" and "honesty" by hiding her affairs from him for 21 years, but the best the judge would do is agree only in cases where "hazardous" sexual activity outside the marriage would subject the spouse to health risks.

Trouble in the workplace

-- London's Daily Telegraph reported in July about a recent job opening in Exeter, England: The Austern Electric Circus' knife-thrower Jayde Hanson's assistant had just walked off the job after being nearly hit in the foot, which would have been her third serious wound this season, which is also the number of wounds Hanson's former girlfriend took before she walked off the job last year.

-- Nolan Lett was awarded \$17,000 from his former employer, Aramark Corp. (Oak Brook, Ill.), in October. He had fallen and broken his wrist after being chased by a goose as he arrived for work one day at Aramark's building, which he proved in court was a "high-geese" area, encouraged by the company's elaborate pond and garden. "It was very ferocious," Lett said. "It started acting crazy."

-- Municipal clerk Anne Frank filed a lawsuit against Greenwich, Conn., in August for back pay owing to her boss's having had an 11-year affair with his secretary. According to the lawsuit, the trysting couple were so often going at it that much of the secretary's work was passed down to Frank, and it was

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work that she was expected to complete in uncompensated overtime.

People different from us

-- From the police column of the weekly Leonard Graphic (Leonard, Texas, 35 miles north of Dallas), May 3, 2001: "A man claiming to be a medical student was charged with theft of service and given a trespass warning after it was discovered he lied about his reasons for being in the local nursing home two months ago. He told aides there he had permission from the home to 'live the life of the patient' and be bathed and diapered as part of a learning experience. However, when he returned to try the scam again on April 17, police were

waiting for him. He was found to be a registered sex offender living in Melissa (Texas)."

Wrong place, wrong time

-- Six men were indicted in New York City in October for operating a drug ring, which came to the attention of firefighters, and then police, when one of the men curiously refused to evacuate his apartment across the street from the World Trade Center in the late morning of Sept. 11, despite the area's fires, falling debris and widespread panic. The reason: Inside, police found large supplies of drugs and paraphernalia.

Undignified deaths

-- An elderly man was accidentally struck and killed by a fire truck that had been dispatched to take him to a hospital (Jacksonville, Fla., July). And a 41-year-old man ejected in a bar

fight was accidentally struck and killed by a sheriff's patrol car responding to the bar's call for help (Fort Worth, Texas, August). And a 52-year-old woman was accidentally struck and killed by a friend driving to help her after she fell from her horse due to a bee sting (Middleburg, Va., September).

Also, in the last month

-- A mother, frustrated that a Sallie Mae loan office would not believe that her debtor-son was deceased, mailed them the cremation certificate and two teaspoons of his ashes, which not only was inadequate proof but caused a full anthrax panic (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.). Descendants of the 19th-century feuding Hatfields and McCoys resumed battling, in court, over whether McCoys are being blocked from a cemetery whose main access is controlled by the Hatfields (Pikeville, Ky.). Model (Ms.) Julian Fallon was awarded about \$8,500 for career-stifling injuries from the collapse of a second-floor rehearsal studio, which left her straddling a beam and with disfiguring nail holes in her derriere (Dublin, Ireland). Deputies subdued a man after a 10-minute shootout, which he provoked, he said, because he was irritable after a long bout of constipation (Bloomington, Ind.).

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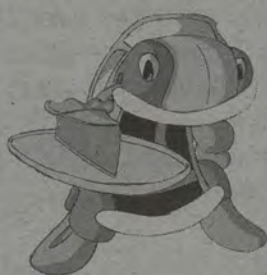
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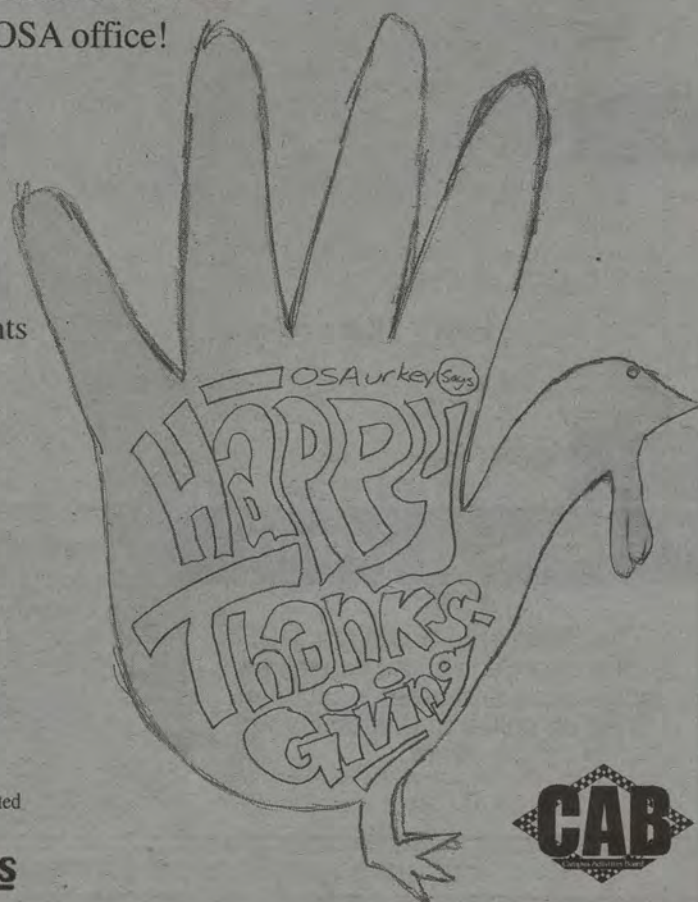
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BRIANA MIRANDA
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With the cozy atmosphere of a New York deli and friendly faces, you would assume you were dining in the comfort of your own home, if that home were in New York, of course. Speaking of a New York deli, there definitely is no hesitation to where this restaurant's heart is. They show their Yankee pride through and through wherever there is an empty wall. The memorabilia is outstanding and entertaining, and gives you something to admire while you are waiting for your meal.

Ah, the meal. So delicious and satisfying, whether your stomach screams pizza, or you prefer chicken, pasta, lasagna or your traditional salad, Goodfella's Pizzeria feeds the craving. One word of wisdom: watch out for those garlic knots prior to your meal...very tasty, however if

you're with a date, you might want to sit across from them if you know what I mean.

As if watching their television while eating pizza weren't enough, who doesn't enjoy watching the pizza being created? Tossed, flipped and in the oven they go, right before your eyes.

On the other hand, if you are too tired to have a night out, it doesn't matter, you can make a quick stop for take-out, or most importantly, UCF student's will appreciate this, Goodfella's Pizzeria will come to you. Yes! Another place that delivers.

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JOE KALEITA / CFF

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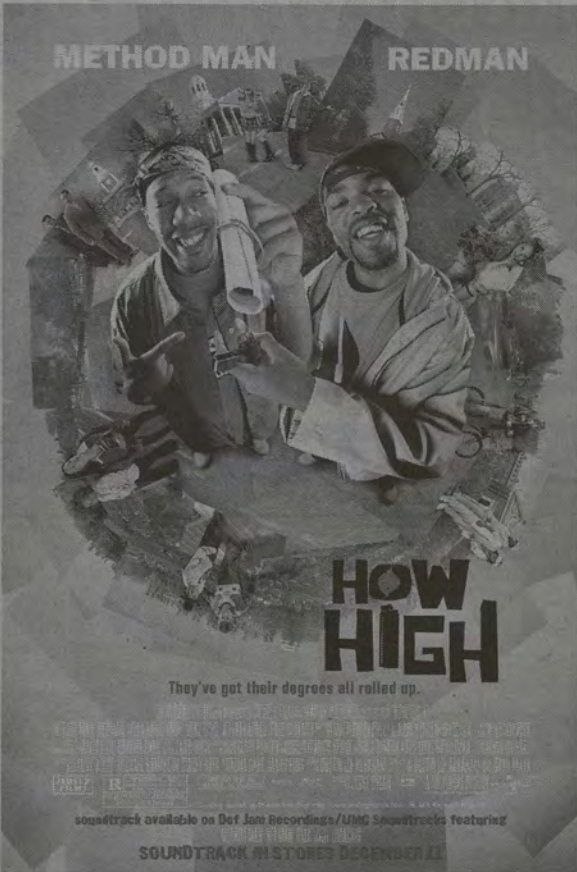


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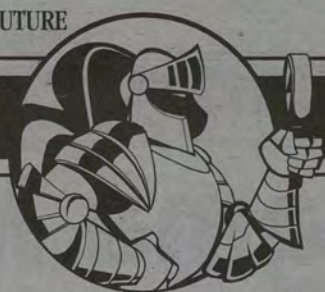
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Women's basketball splits two games

KRISTY SHONKA
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The UCF women's basketball team won one and lost one as host of the Golden Knights Classic held at the UCF Arena last Friday and Saturday.

UCF came out strong Friday against the University of Texas-Arlington. Freshman Ali Roberts tipped the opening jump ball to junior Kristy Colligan, who passed it to junior Erin Page for an easy layup and a 2-0 lead.

The Golden Knights never trailed in the game and led by as many as 20. UCF won 69-55.

Roberts, in her first game as a Golden Knight, led all scorers with 16 points. She added six rebounds and two steals. Sophomore Marvelous Washington scored 14 and dished out four assists. Junior college transfer Jessica Scala rounded out the Golden Knights in double figures with 11 points.

Senior Khaliah Guillory led all players with seven rebounds.

UCF shot 50 percent from the field and 60 percent from three-point range, but turned the ball over 27 times. After 17 first half turnovers, the Golden Knights took better care of the ball in the second half.

"The good thing that came out of it was the players were able to make the adjustments at half-time we made," UCF Coach Gail Striegler said. "They actually came out did the things that we asked them to do, which is a big plus. Last year we would make adjustments and we wouldn't be able to actually put them in place."

UCF cut down the turnovers against Western Carolina, but lost the game 77-74.

The Golden Knights only turned the ball over 16 times, shot 47.1 percent from the floor, and shot 88.9 percent from the free throw line.

UCF managed to do the two things that Striegler set as team goals, shoot over 80 percent from the free throw line and keep the turnovers under 20, but failed to win despite having a 10-point lead with 16 minutes left in the game.

"We won the ball game for about 30 minutes and gave it up in 10," Striegler said.

Paige led UCF, recording the fourth double-double of her career. She scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Washington was second on the team in scoring again with 14 points and Scala and Roberts scored in double figures for the second straight game with 10 points each. Scala added nine assists.

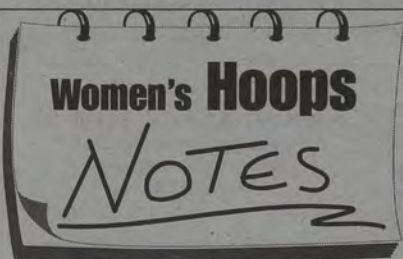
"It hurts, considering we had the game won and it was against a team we should have beaten, especially at home," Washington said. "They just came out fired up in the second half and it slipped away from us."

The Golden Knights had a chance to tie the game with seven seconds left, but Nicole Dunson's shot as time expired was off-balanced and fell short.

Western Carolina University was the only team to go undefeated in the Classic. The Catamounts beat Bethune-Cookman on Friday, 65-52, and beat UCF 77-74 Saturday.

Laura Echols led all scorers

against UCF with 26. She also grabbed 11 rebounds. Tiffany Hamm led all scorers against Bethune-Cookman with 20 points. The Catamounts shot 50 percent or higher in three of the four halves they played.



KRISTY SHONKA
STAFF WRITER

Washington is marvelous

Sophomore forward Marvelous Washington came off the bench to score 14 points in both games over the week-end. She added three rebounds, four assists and a steal against University of Texas-Arlington.

Against Western Carolina Washington grabbed four rebounds, dished out two assists and had one steal. She went 9-12 from the field and 10-14 from the free throw line in the two games. She averaged 24 minutes a game.

Paige and Washington - just like old times

Washington and Erin Paige have been playing together since they were in elementary school.

"Marv' and I have been playing together since we were eight," Paige said. "When we get out there we know (UCF point guard) Jess (Scala) likes to push the ball and it's just basically fun, up and down, up and down."

In the preseason it looked like Washington was going to have to sit back and watch as Paige got the playing time. Both play the small forward and Paige was off to a great start in the exhibition games, whereas Washington struggled.

But when UCF Coach Gail Striegler called Washington's number Friday, the sophomore responded. In order for both to be on the floor at the same time, Washington, who is only 5-feet-6, was moved to the shooting guard position.

"Marv' and Erin both did a nice job of penetrating and getting past and making some good decisions," Striegler said. "As long as they're doing those things it's hard for me to keep them off the floor because they're both playing very, very well."

Paige scored seven points and grabbed five rebounds against the University of Texas-Arlington and recorded a double-double against Western Carolina. She scored 20 points and pulled down 10

rebounds, she also had four assists, three steals and one block. She played 28 minutes Friday and 38 minutes on Friday.

Scala for three

The Golden Knights have hit five three-pointers this season, and Nicole Dunson and Lanetra Cooks have combined for zero. Dunson and Cooks finished last year third and fourth, respectively, on UCF's all-time list for three-pointers made in a season.

Junior college transfer Jessica Scala has four of the three-pointers. She went 2-for-3 in both games.

Spreading the wealth

Striegler wanted a more balanced scoring attack and so far she has gotten it. The Golden Knights had three scorers in double figures in the season opener and had four in double figures in the second game.

Newcomers Scala and Ali Roberts and sophomore Washington have been the most consistent scorers for UCF. Roberts led the team in the first game with 16 points, Washington had 14 and Scala had 11. In the second game Washington scored 14 points, while Roberts and Scala tacked on 10 points each.

Paige was the fourth Golden Knight to hit double figures in the Western Carolina game. She had 20.

UCF only had 10 games last year where three or more players scored in double figures.

Thanksgiving in Puerto Rico

The Golden Knights will travel to Puerto Rico for the San Juan Shootout Nov. 23-25.

UCF will join Kansas, Tulane, Colgate, Northern Iowa and Puerto Rico at the tournament.

Striegler said the trip will be a good chance for the freshman to play on the road, before the conference schedule starts.

"We're going to play some really good teams out there," she said. "We want to be there at the end. We want to be able to play at the NCAA Tournament and these are the types of teams that you're going to play at the NCAA Tournament. It's good for us to get on the road."

"It's going to be a great experience."

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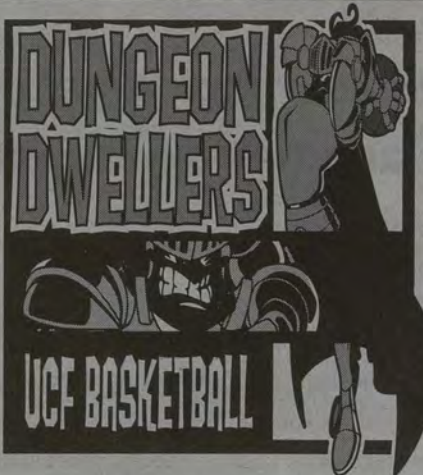
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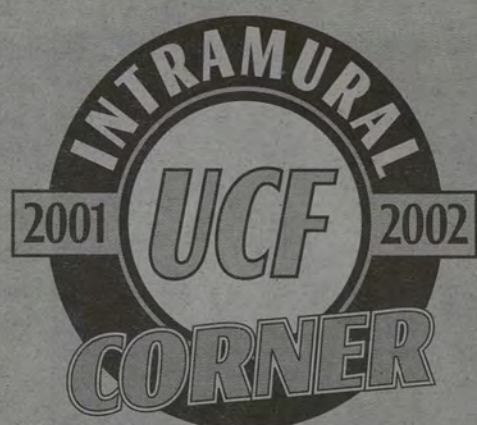
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Third time's the charm

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 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

That huge sigh of relief you may have heard after the women's final Wednesday night was coming from the bench of Alpha Delta Pi. After losing the last two women's finals by a combined total of five points, Alpha Delta Pi took out their frustrations on the Hot Tamales, beating them 44-23 in front of a packed house in the Education Gymnasium. Hot Tamales led 7-4 early in the contest; however, the girls in gold went on an 18-4 run to close out the half

and go into the break leading 22-11. The second half was no different, as poor shooting by the Hot Tamales allowed Alpha Delta Pi to blow the game wide open. Leading the way for Alpha Delta Pi was Kelly Lutrell, who scored 15 points and went 3-for-6 from behind the arc. The unsung hero of the game may have been Lori Correnti, who went 5-for-11 from the field, grabbed seven rebounds, dished out four assists and swiped two steals. Normally sharp-shooting Hot Tamales guard Carly Ricker struggled from the field, going 5-for-

17 from the floor. She tied for a game-high scoring honors with 15. After the game, the coaches and players really had only one thing to say about their victory and getting the championship monkey off their backs, "Nuff said."

Bradenton's Finest claims championship

After coming close in the Flag Football Tournament, Bradenton's Finest captured the Recreational Basketball Championship with a hard-fought 41-39 vic-

tory. Bradenton's Finest, composed mostly of former athletes and residents of Bradenton, were in for a tough battle this game, as D-bol 'ers came to play. The entire game was close. It appeared that Bradenton's Finest had the game in hand with a four-point lead with less than 30 seconds to play. A lane violation by a Bradenton player took away a chance to increase the lead. D-bol 'ers went down and hit a layup to cut the lead to two. Bradenton then threw the inbound pass away to give D-bol 'ers one last chance. A missed shot by Sanjin Simoric and rebound by Bradenton's Finest ended the game and gave the win to the top seed in the tournament.

Triple Threat takes Competitive title

And they're still undefeated.

Led by Matt Krzesinski's 14 points, Triple Threat captured the 2001 Competitive Tournament with a 47-37 victory over Kum Get Sum Boyz. This was a back and forth game that was not decided until the final few minutes. Kum Get Sum Boyz, led by the point guard stylings of Basim Hussein, kept on track with "the threat" and scored a buzzer beat-er at the end of the first half to give Kum Get Sum Boyz a 26-24 lead at the break. The teams traded a few baskets, and a thunder dunk by Brandon Gribbs gave the Boyz a 31-28 lead with 13 minutes left in the game.

The game was tied at 35 with four minutes left, when Triple Threat's John Stasko reeled off five straight points and seven of his team's last 12 to give Triple Threat a lead they wouldn't relinquish. Triple Threat hit their free throws down the stretch, hitting 4-of-5 in the last minute and 15-of-19 for the game. After the game, Triple Threat's Matt Krzesinski was elated with the win.

"No matter if people take us out of the game or not, we are still undefeated since Spring 2001," he said.

Triple Threat is already looking forward to keeping that streak alive in January when they will defend their 3-on-3 Basketball Competitive Title.



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Abellard leads UCF to opening-game victory

It didn't take junior-college transfer Ray Abellard long to get used to playing in a Golden Knight uniform. Abellard, who transferred to UCF from Pensacola Community College this year, scored a game-high 17 points Saturday to lead the Golden Knights to a season-opening 92-58 win over Puerto Rico-Mayaguez. Backing up junior point guard Al Miller, Abellard came off the bench to make seven of his 12 shot attempts, including three three-pointers.

"I think you saw a little bit of what he can do," UCF Coach Kirk Speraw said. "He's quick, he can handle the ball, he can shoot it. Today was a game where we gave him some good looks, and he was able to knock them down."

Said Abellard: "Ever since high school, I've worked hard to be able to shoot like that. That's basically what they recruited me for—to come down here and shoot and help this team win."

Abellard said Speraw gave him the green light to take shots—even long ones, something his last coach learned to do rather quickly.

"When I got to junior college, the first game the coach didn't expect me shoot from that far," said Abellard. "He was like 'Raymond, calm down.' And then after making a couple of shots, he said 'Go ahead Ray, shoot.'"

Speraw would still like Abellard to learn the offense better, however, which will keep him in more of a shooter's role while the experienced Miller will continue to be the starting point guard.

"We didn't run a lot of sets today, and those are the things he's kind of struggling with—running the show, and running the point," Speraw said. "Those are the things he's got to get more comfortable with."

Dotson gets unexpected minutes

Junior power forward Ed Dotson also made his UCF debut against Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, but it was a debut that came earlier than expected. Dotson, a 6-foot-7 transfer



Senior power forward Paul Reed came off the bench to score 14 points and grab 14 rebounds against Puerto Rico-Mayaguez.

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Junior point guard Al Miller led UCF with five assists against Puerto Rico-Mayaguez.

from Centenary, was supposed to be out 1-3 weeks after getting poked in the eye by teammate Beronti Simms two weeks ago in practice. Dotson began bleeding from his eye and needed 14 stitches to seal the wound, and wasn't cleared to play until just hours before game. He came off the bench to play 16 minutes, scoring eight points and getting five rebounds. He also had blocked one shot and made one steal.

"Even Ed at half speed is still pretty good," said teammate Josh Bodden, who started at power forward in Dotson's place.

Dotson hasn't been fully healthy since coming to UCF, suffering from a stress fracture in his shin in addition to the eye injury. These injuries kept him from going full speed in preseason practice, which has hurt his progress—Speraw had planned on Dotson as being team's starting power forward.

"His timing is off a little bit, and it'll take him a little while to regain that," Speraw said. "He wasn't even able to get on a bicycle for conditioning purposes. He could do nothing."

Against Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, Bodden and senior Paul Reed filled in admirably. The duo dominated the undersized Bulldogs in the post, combining for 22 points and 28 rebounds.

"They were a much smaller team inside than we were," Bodden said. "We knew coming into the game that we had to dominate inside and I think we did that. We hit the boards pretty hard and that created a lot of stuff for the rest of the team on breakaway points."

A different team

UCF's season-opening win was the first step in erasing the memories of last year's dismal 8-23 record.

"Last year was sort of like a fluke season," Reed said. "We just put that behind us and we're not thinking about that. We're a much better team this year. We've got a lot of payback to get this year."

Reed attributed the improvements to better team chemistry, something the Golden Knights built on a six-game trip to Europe

during the summer.

"We worked hard just to play together this year—to learn each other and learn what each other can do more this year than we did last year," he said.

Speraw had another explanation—practice, practice, practice.

"I think these guys have worked real hard in the offseason and worked consistently in practice," he said. "I thought the first 5-6 days of practice were as good as we've had consecutively."

Lindbeck signs with UCF

UCF made recruiting news last week, signing Troy Lindbeck of Collinsville, Ill., to a national letter of intent. Lindbeck scored 16.5 points per game as a junior at St. Louis University High last year, and shot 37 percent from the three-point line. He transferred to Collinsville and will play there this year for his senior season.

"Troy is an outstanding young man," Speraw said. "He is a very good competitor and an intelligent player who is very good at shooting from the perimeter."

Lindbeck can play both point guard and shooting guard.

Next up

UCF has only one game this week, going on the road to play East Carolina at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Last year, the Golden Knights beat the Pirates in what was considered a mild upset.

New faces to help UCF women's basketball

KRISTY SHONKA
STAFF WRITER

This season, the UCF women's basketball team suits up three new Golden Knights; two freshmen and one junior-college transfer.

UCF Coach Gail Striegler recruited each player to fulfill specific needs on the team.

Jessica Scala transferred from Palm Beach Community College and gives the Golden Knights an experienced, true point guard. She averaged 14 points, five assists and four steals a game last year and earned National Junior College All-America honorable mention honors.

Scala gives UCF a scoring threat at the point. She scored 11 points Friday against the University of Texas-Arlington and scored 10 against Western Carolina on Saturday. She also had nine assists.

She played 28 minutes Friday and 37 Saturday.

Last year Yvette Ash, only 5-foot tall, spent the most time at point. With the addition of Scala, Striegler will be able to use Ash in her role as a defensive specialist.

Ali Roberts and Takira Allen give the Golden Knights some much-needed height at the post position. Without the freshmen, UCF only has two players over 6-feet.

Roberts gives the Golden Knights a consistent, fundamentally-sound post player. She is the tallest UCF player at 6-foot-3.

She started both games over the weekend and led the team in scoring in her first game in a Golden Knight uniform.

She scored 16 points, grabbed six rebounds and had two steals against Texas-Arlington. Against Western Carolina she scored 10 points, had three boards and three assists.

"Ali may be the steadiest player I have ever seen in my life," Striegler said. "She makes almost

zero mistakes and she's just steady. She never looks like she's rattled out there at all. She doesn't play like a freshman. You can tell an offense one time or tell her an adjustment one time and she goes out there and gets it done."

Roberts had two turnovers Friday and none on Saturday, and the freshman is still not satisfied.

"I look to improve," Roberts said.

At Catholic High School in Pensacola, Roberts was named All-State her senior season. She averaged 16.4 points, 10.2 rebounds, 4.5 assists and three blocks a game.

Striegler has said that Allen is one of the most athletic players she's seen, but she is struggling with freshman mistakes. Saturday, Allen only played for 10 minutes

after getting in foul trouble. She had three fouls, two of which were illegal screens. She grabbed three rebounds in the game.

On Friday, Allen played for 17 minutes, but fouled out after scoring three points and grabbing six rebounds. She also had a block and a steal. At Quincy Shanks High School in Tallahassee, Allen led the team in scoring as a senior and led in rebounding all four years. She earned First Team All-Big Bend Conference honors as a senior.

Allen struggled early with learning the offense and with time should become a power at the post. For now Roberts needs to remain consistent so the Golden Knights have a presence inside, while Scala should continue deliver ball to her teammates and to the net.

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Kansas setter signs

Emily Watts, a 6-foot setter from Wichita, Kansas, has committed to UCF. She will join the team next year.

Watts led Bishop Carroll High School to a 32-3 record and a state championship this year. She was named all-state and all-city and led her team in kills and service aces.

Watts will be a setter at UCF, but will have to compete for playing time with a pair of excellent setters, Frank and junior Becca Saldana. Saldana made the Atlantic Sun first team in 1999 after averaging 12.70 assists a game.

Morgan and Sante
named All-Conference

Senior middle blocker Piper Morgan and sophomore outside hitter Leyre Santaella Sante were named to the Atlantic Sun all-conference first team last week. It was the third consecutive time that Morgan has been named to the first team. Sante was a second-teamer last year.

Morgan led the A-Sun in hitting percentage this year, hitting .397, and was second in

blocks per game with 1.08. Sante led the conference in kills and service aces. Her 4.70 kills per game were almost a half a kill higher than anyone else in the conference.

Jenny Frank and Tanya Jarvis were also named to all-conference teams. Frank, a sophomore setter, was named to the all-conference second team. She led the A-Sun in assists with 11.82 per game. Jarvis, a freshman from Bishop Moore, was named to the all-freshman team.

Four all-conference players were the most for UCF since 1995. Last year, Morgan, Sante and Lindsey Whalen received all-conference honors.

UCF takes on South
Florida before NCAA
Tournament

The Golden Knights will host South Florida today, Nov. 21, at the UCF Arena at 7 p.m. UCF lost to USF 3-0 in Tampa on Oct. 23. This game does not have much importance because UCF earned the Atlantic Sun's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament by winning the A-Sun Tournament on Saturday.

UCF will find out what region they are in and who they will play in the NCAA Tournament on Nov. 26 during the NCAA selection show.

NCAA Tournament selection
show to be held Nov. 26

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the Golden Knight head coach.

UCF will learn its NCAA Tournament fate on Nov. 26, the day of the selection show. The tournament is set up just like the NCAA basketball tournaments, consisting of 64 teams broken up into four, 16-team regions. The last time the Golden Knights made the NCAA Tournament was in 1997. That year, UCF beat Clemson in the first round and lost to Wisconsin in the second round. Colado said she doesn't think her team will receive a very high seed this year, but isn't discouraged by that.

"It's tournament time," she said. "Anything is possible."

To get to the conference finals, UCF, seeded second in the tournament, defeated Campbell, seeded third, 3-1 (27-30, 30-18, 30-21, 30-23) on Friday. Frank recorded a triple-double, the first of her career, with 45 assists, 10 kills

and 15 digs. Kerner nearly had a triple-double with 10 kills, 12 digs and eight assists. Sante led the team in kills with 17 and senior middle blocker Piper Morgan had 15.

Fortunately for UCF, FAU defeated Georgia State 3-2 (30-26, 23-30, 33-31, 29-31, 17-19) in the semifinals after winning the final two games of the match in overtime. Georgia State was the only A-Sun team to beat the Golden Knights this year, beating them 3-1 on October 26 at the UCF Arena. Last year, UCF lost to Georgia State in the championship match of the tournament. GSU went 9-1 in the conference during the regular season, with its only loss coming against FAU.

In the first round of the tournament, FAU defeated Jacksonville 3-1 and Campbell defeated Samford 3-1. UCF and GSU had byes in the first round.

Sante, Frank and Driggers were named to the all-tournament team.

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UL-Lafayette QB Van Cleave attempted 66 passes against North Texas



JOE KALEITA / CFF

Junior wide receiver Doug Gabriel has been a non-factor in UCF's last three games, but is healthy now and could have a big game against UL-Lafayette.

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Sun Belt conference.

Their 2001 campaign got off to a promising start, as they dominated Nicholls State 20-0 in their season opener. Of course Nicholls State was coming off a 1-10 season as well, but the Cajun's first shutout in nearly seven years could have indicated a slightly smoother road ahead. But they've won only two games since, coming in 3-7.

The defense will be the key if the Cajuns are to turn their fortunes around. But their defense has been anything but stellar, yielding 33.4 points per game. They're giving up 179.9 yards per game on the ground, but they have been decent in defending the pass. Through the air they're giving up just 180.6 yards.

The frontline is led by defensive end Derrick Marshall. The senior is third on the team with three sacks. He's joined by fellow upperclassmen Charley Smith and Chris Gistorb, while undersized sophomore Daniel Taylor mans the other end position. Junior Walter Sampson, who tied Marshall for the sack lead last year, has a team leading five this season off the bench.

The linebacking corps is the lone area on defense without a starting senior. Rather two juniors, Ross Brupbacher and Ricky Calais, and a sophomore, Antonio Floyd, fill the three positions. Brupbacher has been one of the defense's best players, recording 66

tackles and three and a half sacks. They do have one senior, Kiante Venible, off the bench.

Much credit for the UL-Lafayette's solid pass defense has to go to the Cajun's defensive backfield, led by Kyries Herbert and Charles Tillman. These two were the defensive stars of the team this year and last. Herbert, a senior free safety, has intercepted a pass and recorded a team leading 71 tackles. Tillman, a junior cornerback, had two picks and 30 tackles. They start next to seniors Brad Franklin and Peter Villia, respectively.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Cajuns have a fairly well-balanced attack. At quarterback, sophomore Jon Van Cleave has taken full control of the offensive after splitting time under center with Lance Domec in 2000. Van Cleave completed just 54.6 percent of his pass while tossing ten touchdowns and eight interceptions.

Running back Jerome Coleman, a junior, has run for 668 yards and scored 10 touchdowns. Like Van Cleave, he's taken over the fulltime job this season. He ran for 495 yards on 114 carries and four touchdowns after sharing touches with Darren Brister last year.

The Cajuns start a three wide receiver set, with Marcus Wilridge, Frederick Stamps and Nick Dugas. Dugas is the team's top receiver with 56 catches and three touchdowns. Stamps and Wilridge with 33 and 34 catches apiece have both been solid. They also

have three touchdowns between them. Tight end is relatively inexperienced with sophomore Josh Joerg being backed up by freshmen Lawrence Johnson.

Senior guard Garrett Charkalis anchors an offensive line with a mix of youth and experience. Sophomore D'Anthony Batiste starts at the opposite guard, while junior Jonathan Raush and sophomore Marques Smith open at the tackles. Junior Josh Newton starts at center. With a group of sophomores and freshmen behind them, depth is a problem.

Special teams have been pretty special for the Cajun's. Place kicker/punter Jonathon Knott has averaged 37.5 yards on 53 punts this season. He's also hit nine of 14 field goals. Knott is a junior-college transfer in his first year handling these duties at UL-Lafayette and gives them a powerful leg that has improved both areas. As for the return game, Dugas has taken back punts for an average of 8.8 yards. Wilridge has been the primary kick returner at a solid average of 22.3 yards.

While the Cajuns have been solid in most areas, they're hardly spectacular. Their poor run defense should allow Alex Haynes and company to have a field day rushing. For the graduating seniors it should be nice send off in their final game at UCF. This game is no different then it would have been in September.

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Cieslak returns to form of two years ago

HEATHER PAGLIARA
STAFF WRITER

Nicole Cieslak, a junior forward, has had an outstanding season this year. She leads the team with seven goals, in 35 shots. She also had five assists, and was the ninth on the list of individual point leaders in the conference, with 19 points.

"Nicole has been one of our most dangerous players this year," UCF Coach Amanda Cromwell said. "She is unpredictable, and that keeps our opponents guessing."

Cieslak, who has been playing soccer for about 13 years, is in her junior year at UCF. In her freshman year, she started 21 out of 23 games. She had 39 shots, five goals, four assists and 14 points. Although she had an explosive start to her career at UCF, her sophomore year was somewhat quieter, yet still commendable with 20 shots, five goals and one assist. She played 20 games, and started 12 of them. This is a change from this season, where she has accomplished many things such as being on the All-Conference First Team, which was one of her main goals for this season.

Nicole has been one of our most dangerous players this year.

—AMANDA CROMWELL
Women's Soccer Coach

"Nicole has progressed from last season because of her off-season work out," Cromwell said. "She has always been explosive and strong, and now she has learned how to be effective for all 90 minutes of the game. I worked a lot in the off-season. I was motivated by how we ended the season last year, and I wanted to be an impact this year."

Her style of play affects the team also.

"The team sees how hard she is working, and it motivates



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Junior forward Nicole Cieslak (right) led the UCF women's soccer team with seven goals this year.

them. They admire her work ethic and it gives her a lot of respect," said Cromwell.

Nicole is majoring in intrapersonal communications, and the thought of playing in the women's professional soccer league has "crossed her mind, but she hasn't sat down and

thought about it."

For now, she is doing excellent playing for UCF and appears to have a promising post-season as well as senior season.

"She is great to work with, and is very coachable," Cromwell said. "I am very will-

ing to work with her because she always has a smile on her face, and has a good attitude of wanting to be a better player, and not just settling for good."

As for Cieslak, the motto she lives by has been an effective one so far - "Set your goal and strive for it."

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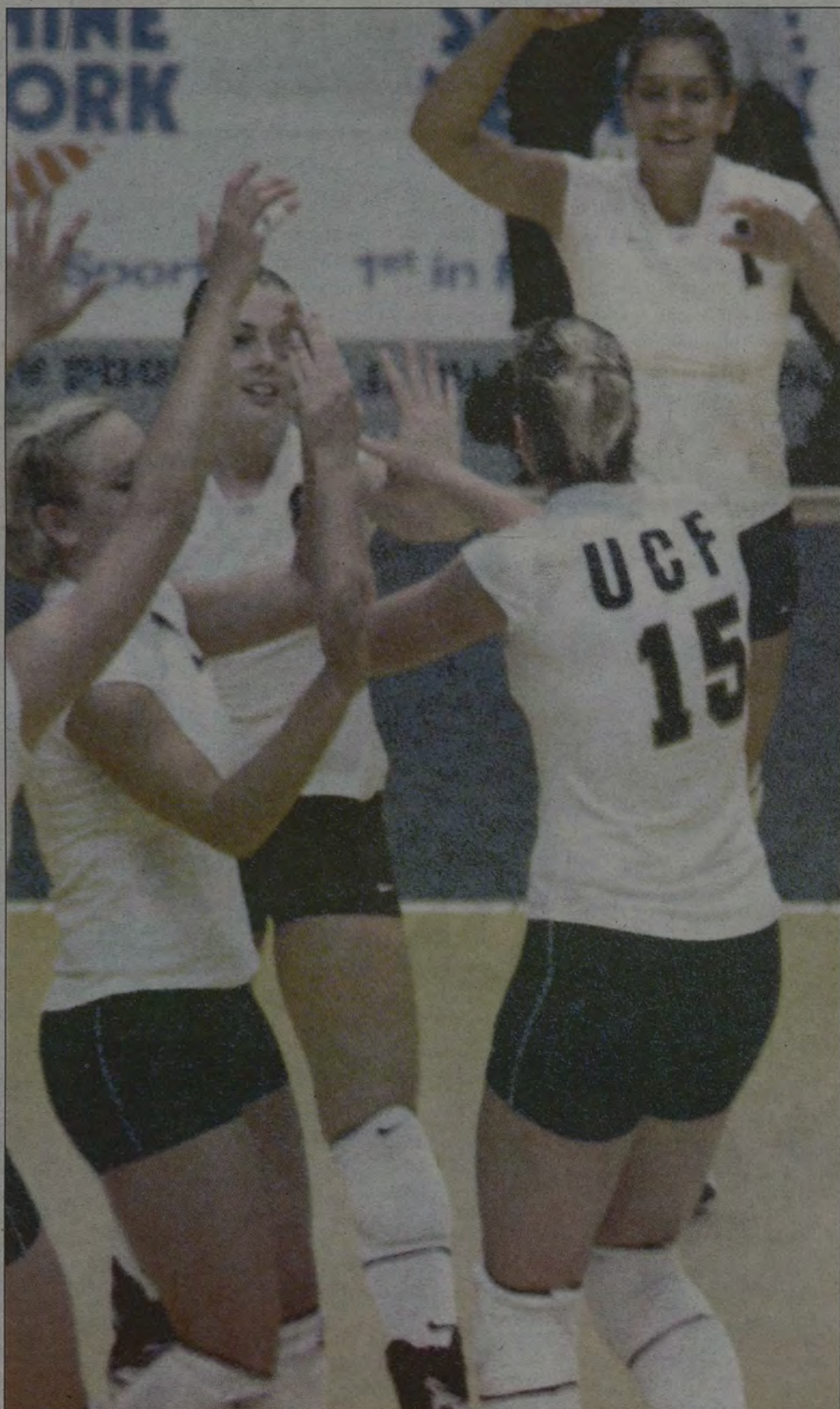


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After losing the A-Sun title game in each of the past three seasons, UCF volleyball won the conference championships in a dramatic comeback victory last Saturday

JOE MANZO
STAFF WRITER

Forget the third time. It's the fourth time that's a charm.

After losing the championship match of the Atlantic Sun tournament in each of the past three seasons, the UCF volleyball team avoided a Buffalo Bill-like streak last Saturday, winning the conference title and earning the A-Sun's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Golden Knights came back from a 2-0 deficit to beat old nemesis Florida Atlantic 3-2 (28-30, 16-30, 30-24, 30-25, 15-9) in the title game.

"It's great," UCF Coach Meg Colado said. "I'm so happy for these players, and I'm thrilled at the way we won and the progress we've made."

Early in the match, Florida Atlantic looked poised to repeat its 1998 and 1999 A-Sun title-game victories over UCF. The Owls won the first two games 30-28 and 30-16, taking advantage of a number of errors by the Golden Knights.

"We said at halftime that we were giving them too many points," Colado said. "We needed to just go out there and cut down on the mistakes and be more consistent, and that's what we did."

Sparked by the serving and defense of sophomore outside hitter Lindsey Whalen, the Golden

Knights began their comeback with a 30-24 win in the third game of the match. At one point in the game, Whalen had six consecutive service points. UCF then proceeded to win the final two games 30-25 and 15-9, clinching the match on a block by sophomore outside hitter Leyre Santaella Sante and senior middle blocker Shelly Driggers.

"This was truly a team win," Colado said. "This team has had an interesting year. We've had a lot of wins – somehow we just find a way to win."

Sante, who had a tournament-high 28 kills, 12 digs and four blocks in the championship game, earned tournament MVP honors.

"Leyre can just take it to another level," Colado said.

Driggers recorded her 500th career kill in the match, one of a season-high 11. She also had a match-high seven blocks and .526 hitting percentage. Sophomore setter Jenny Frank almost had a triple-double with 57 assists, 10 digs and nine kills, and junior middle blocker Cassy Kerner added 12 digs and eight kills. The Golden Knights held Florida Atlantic to hitting percentages of .189, .156 and -.056 in the final three games. The win was UCF's third over FAU this year, and gave Colado her first 20-win season as

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One final game

The UCF football team will close out the 2001 season this weekend at home against Louisiana-Lafayette

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Better late than never.

A game against Louisiana-Lafayette that was originally scheduled to be UCF's football home opener is instead the final game of the season for the Golden Knights. And in a season that has had many ups and

downs, it should give UCF a pretty good chance to end the year on a high note.

After a dismal 1-10 2000 and only three wins in two seasons under head coach Jerry Baldwin, the Ragin' Cajuns hope to start building up their program and compete in the

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Senior wide receiver Tavirus Davis and the UCF football team look to end the season on a winning note against UL-Lafayette.

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